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Section 8
Legal affairs

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Overview

8.1 The Office of Legal Affairs is responsible for the implementation of the work programme under this section. The programme is guided by the General Assembly and its subsidiary organs, namely the International Law Commission and the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL). Guidance is also given by the Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea.

8.2 The activities for which the Office of Legal Affairs is responsible fall within the framework of programme 5, Legal affairs, of the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005 (A/55/6/Rev.1).

8.3 According to the medium-term plan, the general objective of programme 5 is to promote a better understanding of and respect for the principles and norms of international law by Member States in order to support the accomplishment of the objectives of the United Nations. To fulfil this objective, the Office of Legal Affairs provides a unified central legal service for the Secretariat and the principal and other organs of the United Nations; contributes to the progressive development and codification of international public and trade law; promotes the strengthening and development, as well as the effective implementation of the international legal order for the seas and oceans; registers and publishes treaties; and performs the depositary functions of the Secretary-General.

8.4 The budget proposal reflects a comprehensive internal review of all subprogrammes. The conclusion is that they should continue as foreseen in the medium-term plan. This conclusion is based on guidance received from the General Assembly, as well as on feedback from other entities with which the Office of Legal Affairs interacts. A significant feature in the budget proposal is the provision of a non-recurrent amount of $701,600 to be distributed among the subprogrammes for the enhanced use of information technology. In the present environment, in which information technology is becoming increasingly integrated in the working methods of the Office of Legal Affairs, both as a matter of efficiency and as a means of handling and disseminating information, it has been determined that it is of critical importance to introduce information technology to manage the flow of information within the Office. In particular, there is a need to computerize the legal archive. In this connection, increased resources for all units of the Office will be used for purposes of analysis, development, and implementation of this project ($561,600). An additional amount of $140,000 would provide for the necessary equipment.

8.5 With respect to subprogramme 1, there is an increase in the provision for travel. This is based on the experience of the last several years, in which constant unforeseen travel had to be undertaken in order to deal with matters arising from resolutions of the Security Council relating to the maintenance of peace and security, as well as to the negotiation of international legal instruments with Member States and to ensuring respect for privileges and immunities. A General Service post is redeployed from the Treaty Section to support this subprogramme.

8.6 As regards subprogramme 2, the General Legal Division will aim to meet the continually growing demand throughout the Organization for legal advice, services and support with basically the same resources available for the biennium 2000-2001. A General Service post is redeployed from the Treaty Section to support this subprogramme.

8.7 With respect to subprogramme 3, the Codification Division will continue to act as secretariat for the Preparatory Commission for the International Criminal Court, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 53/105 of 8 December 1998, in addition to its other activities. The continuation of resources to expedite the preparation and publication of supplements to the *Repertory of Practice of United Nations Organs* has been included.

8.8 As regards subprogramme 4, there is a reclassification of one P-3 post to the P-4 level and an increase in the provision for consultants, travel and data processing. This is based on the anticipated receipt by the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf of submissions from coastal States, the expanded agenda of the Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and the servicing and follow-up requirements of the newly established consultative process on oceans and the law of the sea.

8.9 With respect to subprogramme 5, there is an increase in staff resources (1 new P-4 post) and travel funds. This is based on a request by the General Assembly to the Secretary-General that he ensure and enhance the effective implementation of the UNCITRAL programme (resolution 54/103); on the growing number of requests by Member States for legislative assistance and for training and briefings relating to texts prepared by UNCITRAL; and on the increased need for substantive coordination of activities of various intergovernmental and non-governmental agencies which, inside and outside the United Nations, are preparing legal texts governing international commerce. The success of UNCITRAL depends on its ability to meet the increasing demand in these two areas of its mandate.

8.10 With regard to subprogramme 6, the efforts to address the backlog in the Treaty Section are now bearing fruit. Resource requirements have thus decreased as a result of the substantial clearing of the backlog. The continuous upgrading of the working methods have also resulted in decreasing staff costs. Three General Service posts will be redeployed to other units within the Office of Legal Affairs (see paras. 8.5, 8.6 and 8.11). An increase in the provision for consultants would enable the Treaty Section to engage the expertise needed for converting the United Nations Treaty Collection onto the database which will serve as the platform for the Internet.

8.11 With respect to the secretariat of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal, one General Service post will be redeployed from the Treaty Section, in order to secure for it competent and continuous services.

8.12 As noted above, under subprogramme 3, sustained efforts will be made during the biennium to expedite, pursuant to General Assembly resolutions 52/162 of 15 December 1997, 53/106 of 8 December 1998, 54/106 of 9 December 1999, and 55/156 of 12 December 2000, the preparation and publication of supplements to the *Repertory of Practice of United Nations Organs*. The analytical summary of the practice of the principal organs pertaining to the 111 Articles of the Charter of the United Nations is the responsibility of several departments and offices in the Secretariat. The progress in this endeavour has been set out in reports of the Secretary-General, the most recent contained in document A/55/340. The publication of the supplement volumes, therefore, calls for and depends on timely completion of the respective tasks by all concerned. The Office of Legal Affairs itself prepares studies on some 25 Articles of the Charter. The preparation of the studies is distributed according to competence among the various units. The Office is charged with the task of reviewing for publication the draft studies prepared by other author departments and offices. The Office also chairs the Inter-departmental Committee on Charter Repertory to coordinate the Repertory-related tasks.

8.13 The overall level of resources for the Office of Legal Affairs for the biennium 2002–2003 amounts to $33,894,900 before recosting, reflecting a growth of $14,300 compared with the revised appropriation for the biennium 2000-2001. The overall level of resources, as indicated in table 8.2

below, reflects, inter alia, the establishment of one new Professional post at the P-4 level and the reclassification of one P-3 post to the P-4 level. It also includes growth related to the enhanced use of information technology in the Office of Legal Affairs, partially offset by reductions for external printing of the *Treaty Series*.

8.14 The estimated extrabudgetary resources, amounting to $5,792,300, will be utilized for activities related to, inter alia, support to United Nations organizations, support to peacekeeping operations, symposia on international trade law, participation of least developed and developing countries in the work of the Preparatory Committee on the Establishment of an International Criminal Court and assistance in the teaching, study, dissemination and wider appreciation of international law.

8.15 The estimated percentage distribution of the resources of the programme in the biennium 2002–2003 is as shown in table 8.1.

Table 8.1 **Percentage distribution of resources by component**

Component	*Regular budget*	*Extrabudgetary*
A. Policy-making organs		
1. International Law Commission	5.6	
2. United Nations Commission on International Trade Law	0.9	
3. United Nations Administrative Tribunal (including its secretariat)	4.1	
Subtotal	**10.6**	
B. Programme of work		
Subprogramme 1. Overall direction, management and coordination of legal advice and services provided to the United Nations as a whole	10.4	31.4
Subprogramme 2. General legal services provided to United Nations organs and programmes	13.6	56.7
Subprogramme 3. Progressive development and codification of international law	14.6	8.0
Subprogramme 4. Law of the sea and ocean affairs	17.1	0.9
Subprogramme 5. Progressive harmonization and unification of the law of international trade	8.6	3.0
Subprogramme 6. Custody, registration and publication of treaties	20.8	-
Subtotal	**85.1**	
C. Programme of support	4.3	-
Total	**100**	**100**

8.16 The distribution of resources is summarized in tables 8.2 and 8.3.

Table 8.2 **Requirements by component**

(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Component	1998-1999 expenditure	2000-2001 appropriation	Resource growth		Total before recosting	Recosting	2002-2003 estimate
			Amount	Percentage			
A. Policy-making organs	3 135.4	3 568.0	23.1	0.6	3 591.1	188.2	3 779.3
B. Programme of work	26 052.9	28 889.3	(27.4)	-	28 861.9	1 876.2	30 738.1
C. Programme support	1 520.0	1 423.3	18.6	1.3	1 441.9	108.4	1 550.3
Total	**30 708.3**	**33 880.6**	**14.3**	**-**	**33 894.9**	**2 172.8**	**36 067.7**

(2) *Extrabudgetary*

	1998-1999 expenditure	2000-2001 estimate	2002-2003 estimate
Total	**4 364.5**	**4 021.9**	**5 792.3**
Total (1) and (2)	**35 072.8**	**37 902.5**	**41 860.0**

Table 8.3 **Post requirements**

Category	Established regular budget posts		Temporary posts				Total	
			Regular budget		Extrabudgetary[a]			
	2000-2001	2002-2003	2000-2001	2002-2003	2000-2001	2002-2003	2000-2001	2002-2003
Professional and above								
USG	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
ASG	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
D-1/2	10	10	-	-	2	2	12	12
P-1/5	69	70	-	-	10	10	79	80
Subtotal	**81**	**82**	**-**	**-**	**12**	**12**	**93**	**94**
General Service								
Subtotal	**63**	**63**	**-**	**-**	**6**	**6**	**69**	**69**
Total	**144**	**145**	**-**	**-**	**18**	**18[a]**	**162**	**163**

[a] Includes 13 posts (2 D-1, 1 P-5, 1 P-4, 1 P-3, 2 P-2, 6 GS (OL)) funded from support to extrabudgetary administrative structures and 5 posts (1 P-5, 3 P-4, 1 P-3) from support to peacekeeping operations.

A. Policy-making organs

1. International Law Commission

Resource requirements (before recosting): $1,888,000

8.17 The International Law Commission was established by the General Assembly in its resolution 174 (II) of 21 November 1947. The Commission has as its objective the promotion of the progressive development of international law and its codification. It consists of 34 members who are persons of recognized competence in international law. Unless otherwise decided by the General Assembly, the Commission meets annually for one 12-week session in Geneva and reports to the Assembly, which provides guidance to the Commission on its programme of work. The Codification Division of the Office of Legal Affairs provides substantive servicing for the Commission.

Table 8.4 **Resource requirements**

	Resources (thousands of United States dollars)		*Posts*	
Category	*2000-2001*	*2002-2003 (before recosting)*	*2000-2001*	*2002-2003*
Non-post	2 086.2	1 888.0	-	-
Total	**2 086.2**	**1 888.0**	**-**	**-**

8.18 The amount of $1,888,000 covers non-post expenditure related to non-staff compensation, the travel of representatives, travel of staff, and contractual services. A decrease in non-post expenditure is attributed to changes in the length and nature of the Commission's sessions, as reflected in the report of the International Law Commission (A/55/10) which, in the initial part of the next quinquennium, will result in the holding of split sessions over a 10-week period, as opposed to its current 12-week sessions.

2. United Nations Commission on International Trade Law

Resource requirements (before recosting): $300,500

8.19 UNCITRAL consists of 36 Member States and is charged by the General Assembly (resolution 2205 (XXI)) with the development of the progressive unification and harmonization of international trade law, which corresponds to subprogramme 5. The Commission carries out its tasks with the assistance of the International Trade Law Branch as its secretariat in one annual meeting of up to six weeks' duration, but usually lasting three or four weeks, and in working group meetings on specialized topics of up to a total of 12 weeks' duration per year.

Table 8.5 **Resource requirements**

	Resources (thousands of United States dollars)		*Posts*	
Category	*2000-2001*	*2002-2003 (before recosting)*	*2000-2001*	*2002-2003*
Non-post	289.7	300.5	-	-
Total	**289.7**	**300.5**	**-**	**-**

8.20 The amount of $300,500 would provide for the travel of representatives, travel of staff, and contractual services. An increase in resources is required for the production of the *Yearbook of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law*.

3. United Nations Administrative Tribunal (including its secretariat)

Resource requirements (before recosting): $1,402,600

8.21 The United Nations Administrative Tribunal is the independent organ competent to hear and pass judgement upon applications alleging non-observance of contracts of employment of staff members of the United Nations Secretariat or of their terms of appointment, as well as applications alleging non-observance of the regulations and rules of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund, arising out of decisions taken by the Fund. The Tribunal was established by the General Assembly in its resolution 351 A (IV) of 24 November 1949. It is composed of seven members, no two of whom may be nationals of the same State, who are appointed by the Assembly initially for three years and may be reappointed. The competence of the Tribunal extends to the secretariats of the associated programmes that are financed from voluntary contributions, such as UNDP, UNICEF, UNFPA, UNHCR and UNRWA. Under article 13 of the statute, the competence of the Tribunal has also been extended to IMO, ICAO and to the staff of the Registry of the International Court of Justice.

8.22 The secretariat provides substantive, technical and administrative servicing of the sessions of the Tribunal, including legal research and analysis of precedents; preparation of draft summaries of facts and contentions of parties for judgements to be rendered by the Tribunal; analysis and research of documentation relevant to cases on appeal to the Tribunal; consultations with administrations of subsidiary organs of the United Nations, the secretariat of the Pension Fund, the administrations of the specialized agencies subject to the jurisdiction of the Tribunal (ICAO and IMO) and the Registry of the International Court of Justice; and conducting the external relations of the Tribunal, including its relations with the secretariat of ILO. During the biennium, the secretariat will also publish the recurrent publication *Judgements of the Administrative Tribunal*, volumes XVI and XVII, in English and French.

Table 8.6 **Resource requirements**

	Resources (thousands of United States dollars)		*Posts*	
Category	*2000-2001*	*2002-2003 (before recosting)*	*2000-2001*	*2002-2003*
Post	502.5	708.0	3	4
Non-post	689.6	694.6	-	-
Total	**1 192.1**	**1 402.6**	**3**	**4**

8.23 The amount of $1,402,600 covers four posts and various non-post items. The increase in post resources is attributed to the redeployment of one General Service (Other level) post from the Treaty Section and the full cost of a Professional post established for the biennium 2000-2001.

B. Programme of work

Table 8.7 **Resource requirements by subprogramme**

Subprogramme	Resources (thousands of United States dollars) 2000-2001	Resources (thousands of United States dollars) 2002-2003 (before recosting)	Posts 2000-2001	Posts 2002-2003
Regular budget				
Programme of work				
1. Overall direction, management and coordination of legal advice and services provided to the United Nations as a whole	3 234.2	3 518.2	14	15
2. General legal services provided to United Nations organs and programmes	4 203.7	4 612.0	19	20
3. Progressive development and codification of international law	4 788.8	4 964.7	21	21
4. Law of the sea and ocean affairs	5 599.2	5 808.8	27	27
5. Progressive harmonization and unification of the law of international trade	2 734.0	2 909.1	17	18
6. Custody, registration and publication of treaties	8 329.4	7 049.1	36	33
Total	**28 889.3**	**28 861.9**	**134**	**134**
Extrabudgetary	3 901.0	5 792.3	18	18

Subprogramme 1
Overall direction, management and coordination of legal advice and services provided to the United Nations as a whole

Resource requirements (before recosting): $3,518,200

8.24 The Office of the Legal Counsel is responsible for the implementation of the subprogramme and for the overall direction, supervision and management of all legal activities under this section. There are no significant changes to the nature of the work that is to be carried out under this subprogramme during the biennium 2002-2003, except for the overall supervision of the information management project. This project is aimed at managing the office's workflow and information requirements, provide an operational data retrieval system and establish a system for organizing and making available legal materials and information concerning international law in a manner that is useful to Member States, the legal community and the general public, as appropriate.

Table 8.8 **Objectives for the biennium, expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement**

Objective: To assist the principal organs of the United Nations by providing legal advice.

Expected accomplishments	*Indicators of achievement*
Increased understanding of international law, including the United Nations legal regime.	Principal organs of the United Nations are in a better position to interpret and apply the provisions of international law, including the United Nations legal regime.

External factors

8.25 The subprogramme is expected to achieve its objectives and expected accomplishments on the assumption that:

(a) Principal and subsidiary organs, including the Secretariat, will seek legal advice on rules of procedure, adoption and implementation of resolutions and decisions for the conduct of their work;

(b) The principal and subsidiary organs and Secretariat units will seek to obtain legal advice concerning the legal regime of the Organization necessary to implement mandated programmes and activities.

Outputs

8.26 During the biennium 2002-2003, the following outputs will be delivered:

(a) Servicing of intergovernmental/expert bodies

(i) General Assembly: provision of advice to the General Assembly, Main Committees Credentials Committee, and conferences on the Charter of the United Nations, resolutions, rules of procedure, status of members and observers, credentials and representation;

(ii) Committee on Relations with the Host Country: provision of substantive and secretariat services to the Committee and its working groups, including preparation of notes and statements for the Chairman, assistance to the bureau, analysis of legal issues and preparation of reports and documentation;

(iii) Economic and Social Council: provision of substantive and procedural advice to the Economic and Social Council, including functional and regional commissions, on the Charter of the United Nations, resolutions, rules of procedure, elections and consultative status of non-governmental organizations;

(iv) Security Council: provision of oral and written advice to the Security Council and its subsidiary organs on the interpretation and implementation of resolutions, provisional rules of procedure and statutes of ad hoc criminal tribunals;

(b) Other substantive activities. Promotion of legal instruments

(i) Formulation of statements of public international law and analysis of specific legal issues in response to enquiries from intergovernmental and regional organizations, international and academic institutions and the public;

(ii) Negotiation of international agreements, constitutive instruments and others required for the conduct of mandates carried out by the United Nations and its subsidiary organs, including UNDP, UNICEF, UNFPA and UNOPS, and with Governments and intergovernmental organizations;

(iii) Promotion of and ensuring respect for Articles 104 and 105 of the Charter, the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations, the headquarters agreements with the United States of America and other host Governments;

(iv) Establishment of the necessary legal instruments, legal regimes and mandates for all peacekeeping operations and other missions, including status of forces agreements, status of mission agreements, agreements with contributing States and cooperation agreements with regional organizations;

(v) Provision of advice to operationally responsible Secretariat units, offices established away from Headquarters, peacekeeping and other missions and expert groups mandated to investigate matters related to international peace and security;

(vi) Implementation of specific tasks and preparation of reports or analyses of a legal nature requested by the Security Council or its subsidiary organs in the field of international peace and security; maintenance of liaison with the International Court of Justice and discharging the responsibilities of the Secretary-General under the Statute of the Court, including the preparation of legal statements and the transmission of notices relating to legal proceedings;

(vii) Settlement of disputes of a public international law character involving the Organization, including representation of the Secretary-General at judicial proceedings, including those of the International Court of Justice;

(c) International cooperation, coordination and liaison

(i) Representation of the Secretary-General and the Legal Counsel at meetings and conferences convened by the United Nations or sponsored by Governments, intergovernmental organizations and other international institutions;

(ii) Provision of advice on questions relating to interpretation and application of the Charter, legal agreements, United Nations resolutions and general questions of public international law to ensure uniform consistent practice of the law;

(iii) Provision of advice on legal questions concerning privileges and immunities and the status of the Organization, including UNDP, UNICEF, UNFPA and UNOPS, in territories of Member States and the relationship with States and intergovernmental organizations;

(iv) Coordination of interdepartmental activities, liaison with United Nations organs dealing with legal matters, offices established away from Headquarters, legal advisers or liaison officers assigned to field missions or other Secretariat units;

(v) Cooperation with and coordination of institutional arrangements for the specialized and related agencies and with other international and national organizations dealing with matters of common concern; representation at and convening of meetings with legal liaison officers and legal advisers of the United Nations system;

(d) Technical cooperation

(i) Advisory Services: assistance to States, including through the Trust Fund to Assist States in the Settlement of Disputes through the International Court of Justice, in

settling their legal disputes through the International Court of Justice, including application of the Statute, and reporting to the Secretary-General and the General Assembly;

(ii) Training courses, seminars and workshops: presentation of papers and participation in meetings and conferences sponsored by United Nations organs, Governments, professional societies or international organizations on legal issues relating to the functions of the United Nations; provision of legal expertise and resource persons to training courses sponsored by Governments or international institutions for diplomats on subjects falling within the competence of the Office of the Legal Counsel.

Table 8.9 **Resource requirements: subprogramme 1**

	Resources (thousands of United States dollars)		*Posts*	
Category	*2000-2001*	*2002-2003 (before recosting)*	*2000-2001*	*2002-2003*
Regular budget				
Post	2 958.3	3 070.7	14	15
Non-post	275.9	447.5	-	-
Total	**3 234.2**	**3 518.2**	**14**	**15**
Extrabudgetary	1 017.8	1 816.5	5	5

8.27 The amount of $3,518,200 provides for 15 posts, including the redeployment of one General Service (Other level) post from the Treaty Section to support the legal archive, and various non-post items. The increase for non-post items is primarily for the Office of the Legal Counsel's portion of the requirements for the development of information technology.

Subprogramme 2
General legal services provided to United Nations organs and programmes

Resource requirements (before recosting): $4,612,000

8.28 The subprogramme will be implemented by the General Legal Division, which will continue to meet the demand from throughout the Organization for legal advice, services and support for the Organization's operations and activities. The Division also provides legal advice to UNDP, UNFPA, UNICEF and UNOPS. No significant changes to the nature of the Division's work are anticipated.

Table 8.10 **Objectives for the biennium, expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement**

Objective: To protect the legal interests of the Organization. This would include assisting the Organization (Headquarters, regional commissions, other United Nations offices away from Headquarters and peacekeeping and other missions) and other United Nations funds and programmes and other entities in the day-to-day administration of their mandates and programmes, through the provision of legal services.

Expected accomplishments	*Indicators of achievement*
Increased awareness of the legal rights and of the requirements for compliance with the legal obligations of the Organization.	United Nations offices are in a better position to interpret and apply provisions of the United Nations legal regime to specific cases and to comply with such provisions.

External factors

8.29 The subprogramme is expected to achieve its objectives and expected accomplishments on the assumption that United Nations units will provide timely information, seek to obtain and be guided by legal advice concerning the legal rights and obligations of the Organization in respect of the day-to-day administration of their mandates and programmes.

Outputs

8.30 During the biennium 2002-2003, the following outputs will be delivered:

(a) Substantive activities

(i) Provision of advice on commercial aspects of peacekeeping and other missions, including:

a. Contracts and substantial procurement for logistical support;

b. Insurance;

c. Demining and similar operations;

d. Disposition of assets;

e. Air and sea charter arrangements;

(ii) Provision of advice on claims arising out of peacekeeping and other missions, including:

a. Assistance in resolving contractual and real property disputes;

b. Claims for property damage, personal injury and death;

(iii) Provision of advice and assistance on arbitration or litigation arising out of peacekeeping and other missions, including representation of the Organization before arbitral, judicial and other quasi-judicial and administrative bodies;

(iv) Provision of advice on the legislative aspects of peacekeeping and other missions, such as regulations and rules and the Field Administration Handbook governing staff serving in such missions;

(b) International cooperation and inter-agency coordination and liaison

(i) Provision of advice on institutional and operational arrangements for peacekeeping and other missions and for development assistance, including formation and interpretation of agreements with Governments and international organizations concerning such arrangements;

(ii) Provision of advice on commercial aspects of development assistance, including:

a. Goods and services;

b. Establishment of field offices;

c. Management of loans by Governments and regional, international or other financial institutions;

(iii) Provision of advice on management of development and technical assistance, including:

a. Personnel and financial arrangements;

b. Revision and harmonization of staff and financial regulations and rules of the separately funded, subsidiary organs;

(iv) Provision of advice on fund-raising activities of separately funded, subsidiary organs, including arrangements regarding administrative fees and direct or indirect contributions;

(v) Provision of advice on public-private partnerships, including the development of new modalities for such partnerships and the interpretation and application of the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations and national law requirements to such modalities;

(c) Administrative support services

(i) Advice on commercial activities, including: contracts and substantial procurement of goods and services; insurance; real property arrangements; intellectual property issues; and procurement practices, policies and procedures;

(ii) Advice on commercial and other claims, including assistance in resolving contractual and real property disputes, as well as claims for property damage, personal injury and death;

(iii) Advice and assistance on maintaining the privileges and immunities of the United Nations and its subsidiary organs before judicial, quasi-judicial and other administrative bodies;

(iv) Advice and assistance on arbitration or litigation unrelated to peacekeeping, including representation of the Organization before arbitral, judicial and other quasi-judicial and administrative bodies;

(v) Advice on personnel matters, including: formation and interpretation of the staff regulations and rules; issues of the rights and obligations of staff members; benefits and allowances; tax reimbursement; and pension matters;

(vi) Provision of advice on financial questions, including formation and interpretation of the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations, treasury operations, banking arrangements, and the operations and investments of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund;

(vii) Provision of advice on administrative policies and procedures, including formation and interpretation of regulations, rules and other administrative issuances; representation of the Secretary-General in cases brought under the statute of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal;

(viii) Provision of advice on internal oversight services, including assistance in prosecuting staff and others who engage in theft, corruption or other fraudulent activities, and assistance in the recovery of assets fraudulently obtained from the Organization.

Table 8.11 **Resource requirements: subprogramme 2**

	Resources (thousands of United States dollars)		*Posts*	
Category	*2000-2001*	*2002-2003 (before recosting)*	*2000-2001*	*2002-2003*
Regular budget				
Post	3 870.4	4 075.9	19	20
Non-post	333.3	536.1	-	-
Total	**4 203.7**	**4 612.0**	**19**	**20**
Extrabudgetary	2 377.0	3 279.8	13	13

8.31 The amount of $4,612,000 provides for 20 posts, including the redeployment of one General Service (Other level) post from the Treaty Section, and various non-post items. Increases under non-post items are attributed to contractual services and equipment for the General Legal Division's portion of requirements for the enhanced use of information technology.

Subprogramme 3
Progressive development and codification of international law

Resource requirements (before recosting): $4,964,700

8.32 The subprogramme will be implemented by the Codification Division. The Division will continue to act as secretariat for the Preparatory Commission for the International Criminal Court. It will also continue to coordinate the preparation and publication of volumes of supplements to the *Repertory of Practice of United Nations Organs*.

Table 8.12 **Objectives for the biennium, expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement**

Objective: To facilitate the progressive development and codification of international law, and to promote universal acceptance and implementation of instruments emanating from codification efforts undertaken by the United Nations.

Expected accomplishments	*Indicators of achievement*
(a) Progress in the formulation and adoption of legal instruments to deal with issues of major international concern.	(a) Increase in the number of new legal instruments emanating from the process of codification.
(b) Increased knowledge and understanding of public international law.	(b) Increased application of lessons learned from participation in workshops and seminars dealing with issues of international law.
(c) Increased use of institutional mechanisms envisaged by international legal instruments.	(c) Frequency of the use of institutional mechanisms by Member States and the timeliness of reports requested by the General Assembly in relevant resolutions.

External factors

8.33 The subprogramme is expected to achieve its objectives and expected accomplishments on the assumption that:

(a) New areas of international cooperation requiring legal regulations at the international level emerge and are clearly identified; and progress in legal regulation of related matters on regional and national levels is achieved;

(b) The flow of voluntary contributions by States and private institutions for granting scholarships continues; leading scholars and experts for seminars and courses planned under this subprogramme are available; and Governments show readiness to host/sponsor regional seminars;

(c) National and regional policies aimed at transforming international legal obligations into national legal systems exist or are developed; and events requiring reporting or use of procedures envisaged by the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly continue to occur.

Outputs

8.34 During the biennium 2002-2003, the following outputs will be delivered:

(a) Servicing of intergovernmental/expert bodies

(i) Substantive servicing of meetings

a. General Assembly:

i. Sixth Committee (140);

ii. Ad Hoc Committee on the Elaboration of Legal Instruments for the Prevention of Terrorist Acts (60);

iii. Ad Hoc Committee on Jurisdictional Immunities of States and their property (40);

iv. Advisory Committee of the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study and Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law (4);

v. Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization (40);

vi. International Law Commission (168);

b. Preparatory Commission for the International Criminal Court (80);

(ii) Parliamentary documentation

a. General Assembly: annual reports on effective measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives (2); implementation of the Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law (1); the status of the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and relating to the protection of victims of armed conflicts (1); measures to eliminate international terrorism (2); various subjects, as requested by the General Assembly (1);

b. International Law Commission: analytical studies and reports on diplomatic protection (2); liability for acts not prohibited by international law (2); reservations to treaties (2); unilateral acts of States (2); and responsibility of international organizations (2); analytical studies and reports on effects of armed conflicts on treaties (2); and other possible topics on the Commission's agenda (2);

c. Subsidiary organs of the Sixth Committee

i. Ad Hoc Committee on the Elaboration of Legal Instruments for the Prevention of Terrorist Acts: draft reports of the Committee (2); pre-session and in-session studies and documentation (2);

ii. Ad Hoc Committee on Jurisdictional Immunities of States and their Property: draft report of the Committee (2); pre-session and in-session studies and documentation (2);

iii. Advisory Committee of the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study and Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law: draft report of the Committee (2); pre-session and in-session documentation (2);

iv. Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization: draft reports of the Committee (2); pre-session and in-session studies and documentation (2);

d. Preparatory Commission for the International Criminal Court: pre-session, in-session and post-session documentation; and post-session studies and documentation (2);

(b) Other substantive activities

(i) Recurrent publications: *Judgments, Advisory Opinions and Orders of the International Court of Justice 1997-2001* (1); *Legislative Series* (General Assembly resolution 174 (II)), volume 22 (1); *Repertory of Practice of United Nations Organs*, volumes III, IV and V of Supplement 6, and volume VI of Supplement 7 (4); *United Nations Reports of International Arbitral Awards* XXIII (1); *United Nations Juridical Yearbook* (General

Assembly resolutions 814 (XVIII), 2479 (XXIII), 3006 (XXVII) and 35/29), volumes 1999, 2000 and 2001 (3); *United Nations Treaty Series Cumulative Index*, volume 2 (1); *Yearbook of the International Law Commission*, year 2001 volumes I and II (part 2) (2); year 2000 volumes I and II (part 2) (2); year 1999 volumes I and II (part 2) (2); year 1998 volumes I and II (part 2) (2); year 1994, volumes I and II (Part 2) (2); year 1993, volume II (parts I and 2) (2); updated sixth edition of *The work of the International Law Commission* (1);

(ii) Non-recurrent publications: *Proceedings of the Rome conference on the International Criminal Court: volume I* (summary records) (1); *Proceedings of the Rome conference on the International Criminal Court: volume II* (proposals, reports and other documents (1);

(iii) Technical material: electronic, audio and video issuances: information on the Internet related to the Codification of International Law (1); the International Criminal Court (1); the International Law Commission (1); and the Sixth Committee and its subsidiary bodies (1); incorporation into electronic format for Internet dissemination of the *United Nations Juridical Yearbook* (chap. VI on legal opinions) (1); further expansion of an audio-visual library for disseminating audio and videotapes on international law topics for teaching purposes (1);

(iv) Promotion of legal instruments. Promotion of appropriate legal instruments, including development of guidelines and principles (1);

(c) International cooperation, coordination and liaison. External relations: participation of staff members in activities relating to progressive development and codification of international law sponsored by intergovernmental or non-governmental organizations;

(d) Technical cooperation. Training courses, seminars and workshops. Group training, including seminars, workshops and fellowships under the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law.

Table 8.13 **Resource requirements: subprogramme 3**

	Resources (thousands of United States dollars)		*Posts*	
Category	*2000-2001*	*2002-2003 (before recosting)*	*2000-2001*	*2002-2003*
Regular budget				
Post	4 130.1	4 130.1	21	21
Non-post	658.7	834.6	-	-
Total	**4 788.8**	**4 964.7**	**21**	**21**
Extrabudgetary	226.2	465.0	-	-

8.35 The amount of $4,964,700 provides for the continuation of 21 existing posts and various non-post items. Increase in non-post resources is attributed to contractual services and equipment reflecting the Codification Division's portion of requirements for the enhanced use of information technology.

Subprogramme 4
Law of the sea and ocean affairs

Resource requirements (before recosting): $5,808,800

8.36 The subprogramme will be implemented by the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea. During the biennium 2002-2003 increased activities in terms of assistance requested by coastal States are expected with respect to the anticipated receipt by the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf of submissions from coastal States. Furthermore the Division will be responding to requirements for additional servicing and follow-up of the newly established consultative process on oceans and the law of the sea, and with respect to the expanded agenda of the Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea.

Table 8.14 **Objectives for the biennium, expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement**

Objective: To promote the universal acceptance of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and the implementing Agreements and their uniform and consistent application, and to facilitate the efforts of Member States to derive practical benefits from the international legal regime for the oceans.

Expected accomplishments	*Indicators of achievement*
(a) Greater respect for and acceptance of the Convention and the Agreements and a higher degree of uniformity and consistency in their application.	(a) An increase in the number of legal instruments developed by States and international organizations in the field of law of the sea and ocean affairs, consistent with the Convention.
(b) Increased opportunities for States to derive benefits from the oceans and seas, in conformity with the Convention.	(b) (i) Acknowledgement by Member States that the products and services provided through the subprogramme assisted their marine programmes; (ii) Increased participation of Member States in bodies and processes relating to oceans and the law of the sea.

External factors

8.37 The subprogramme is expected to achieve its objectives and expected accomplishments on the assumption that:

(a) The marine sector will be accorded due emphasis by States in their national plans, programmes and projects;

(b) National authorities and intergovernmental bodies will have programmes and resources to adopt or adapt legal instruments in the field of law of the sea and ocean affairs.

Outputs

8.38 During the biennium 2002-2003, the following outputs will be delivered:

(a) Servicing of intergovernmental/expert bodies

(i) General Assembly: Parliamentary documentation. Annual reports on developments pertaining to the implementation of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and other developments and emerging issues relating to ocean affairs and the law of the sea (2); report on drift-net fishing, unauthorized fishing in zones of national jurisdiction, and fisheries by-catch and discards, including coordinated reporting on all major fisheries-related activities and instruments (1); report on developments pertaining to the Agreement for the implementation of the Provisions of the Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks (1); specific topics of current interest (1); and reports on the work of the United Nations open-ended informal consultative process on oceans and the law of the sea (2);

(ii) Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention of the Law of the Sea:

a. Substantive servicing. Plenary (60);

b. Parliamentary documentation. As required by article 319 of the Convention, annual reports on issues of a general nature that have arisen with respect to the Convention, the work of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf and priority topics selected by the Meeting of States Parties (4); background papers and conference room papers, as mandated (4); report of the Meeting of States Parties on its twelfth session (1); and report of the Meeting of States Parties on its thirteenth session (1);

(iii) Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf:

a. Substantive servicing. Plenary and working groups (240);

b. Parliamentary documentation. Priority topics selected by the Commission (4); background papers and conference room papers, as mandated (8); and reports of the Commission on its sessions (8);

c. Other services provided: ad hoc expert groups. Aquatic Sciences and Fisheries Abstracts Advisory Board: Plenary (2); expert group meeting on assessment of the implementation of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea 20 years after its adoption (1); and Group of Experts on Scientific Aspects of Marine Environmental Protection: Plenary (2); Group of Experts on the Scientific Aspects of Marine Environmental Protection: working group (2);

(iv) Open-ended informal consultative process on oceans and the law of the sea:

a. Substantive servicing. Plenary and working groups (40);

b. Parliamentary documentation. Priority topics selected by the consultative process (4); and background papers and conference room papers, as mandated (4);

(b) Other substantive activities

(i) Recurrent publications: *Bibliography of the Law of the Sea* (2); biennial report of the Joint Group of Experts on the Scientific Aspects of Marine Environmental Protection (1); Law of the Sea Bulletin (6); and practice of States (2);

(ii) Non-recurrent publications: State practice in world's oceans and seas: regional studies (2);

(iii) Booklets, fact sheets, wallcharts, information kits: Abstracts for the inter-agency monthly publication Aquatic Sciences and Fisheries Abstracts (6); Law of the Sea Information Circular (4); newsletter on current developments in the law of the sea and ocean affairs (6); and special studies and reviews, in cooperation with competent international organizations, as required, on selected emerging issues and persistent problems related to the law of the sea and ocean affairs (2);

(iv) Press releases, press conferences: Meetings of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea; meetings of the United Nations open-ended informal consultative process on oceans and the law of the sea; sessions of the Commission of the Limits of the Continental Shelf; and other relevant topics (24);

(v) Technical material: Internet web site on the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf (1); Internet web site on the law of the sea and ocean affairs (1); maintenance and further development of the facilities for the deposit by States and charts and geographical coordinates concerning baselines and limits of national maritime zones and of the system for their recording (1); and an Internet web site on the TRAIN-SEA-COAST programme (1);

(vi) Promotion of legal instruments: Promotion of universal acceptance of the Convention and the related agreements, their uniform and consistent application and their effective implementation (4);

(c) International cooperation, coordination, liaison (RB/XB)

(i) Advisory services on the implications of the provisions of the Convention for existing and proposed legal instruments and programmes in the specific areas of competence of funds, programmes and agencies of the United Nations system;

(ii) Cooperation with intergovernmental bodies related to the law of the sea and ocean affairs, including support to the substantive servicing of meetings, contributions to parliamentary documentation, contributions to activities and participation in meetings;

(iii) Participation in activities of non-governmental organizations, including contributions to activities and participation in meetings of non-governmental organizations in matters related to the law of the sea and ocean affairs;

(iv) Participation in the activities of the Administrative Committee on Coordination and its Subcommittee on Oceans and Coastal Areas, and of other interorganizational bodies;

(d) Technical cooperation

(i) Advisory services on:

a. Harmonizing national legislation with the provision of the Convention and the drafting of rules and regulations to implement such legislation;

b. Issues related to the full realization of benefits by States under the Convention, including economic, technological, scientific and environmental issues;

c. Issues related to the ratification of the Convention and the related agreements, their uniform and consistent application and effective implementation, including the impact of the entry into force of the Convention;

(ii) Training courses, seminars and workshops:

a. Assistance to seminars and workshops related to the law of the sea and ocean affairs;

b. Operation and further development of the training programme on the law of the sea and ocean affairs, including TRAIN-SEA-COAST (with support from UNDP):

i. Assistance in strengthening national training institutions;

ii. Further development of a menu of training courses;

iii. Training of a cadre of course developers;

c. Regular and ad hoc briefings on the law of the sea;

(iii) Fellowships and grants: annual award of the Hamilton Shirley Amerasinghe Memorial Fellowship and supervision of fellowship recipient through the operation of the fellowship programme;

(iv) Field projects: project support in cooperation with funding agencies and in joint activities with other international organizations and institutions, where appropriate;

(e) Conference services, administration, oversight. Library services: provision of library services through the maintenance and development of the specialized reference collection and bibliographic database on the law of the sea and ocean affairs.

Table 8.15 **Resource requirements: subprogramme 4**

	Resources (thousands of United States dollars)		*Posts*	
Category	*2000-2001*	*2002-2003 (before recosting)*	*2000-2001*	*2002-2003*
Regular budget				
Post	5 190.1	5 231.2	27	27
Non-post	409.1	577.6	-	-
Total	**5 599.2**	**5 808.8**	**27**	**27**
Extrabudgetary	55.0	56.0	-	-

8.39 An amount of $5,808,800 provides for 27 existing posts, and various non-post items. The resource growth, including reclassification of one post from P-3 to P-4, is owing to increased activity. These relate to the anticipated receipt by the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf of submissions from coastal States, the expanded agenda of the Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and the servicing and follow-up requirements of the newly established consultative process on oceans and the law of the sea, as well as to the Division's portion of the requirements for the enhanced use of information technology.

Subprogramme 5
Progressive harmonization and unification of the law of international trade

Resource requirements: $2,909,100

8.40 The subprogramme is implemented by the International Trade Law Branch, which acts as the secretariat of UNCITRAL. For the biennium 2002-2003, the activities of the Branch are expected to expand in the light of the growing number of requests from Member States for legislative assistance and for training and briefings relating to texts prepared by the Commission. The Branch will also respond to the increased demand for substantive coordination of activities of various intergovernmental and non-governmental agencies which are preparing legal texts governing international commerce.

Table 8.16 **Objectives for the biennium, expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement**

Objective: To facilitate and encourage the progressive improvement and harmonization of international trade law, and to enhance the knowledge, understanding and application of international trade law.

Expected accomplishments	*Indicators of achievement*
Reduction of legal uncertainties in and obstacles to international trade posed by inadequate and disparate laws; more efficient trade practices, informed contract negotiations and balanced transactions.	(a) Increased knowledge of international trade law; (b) Increased enactment and use of UNCITRAL legislative or non-legislative texts.

External factors

8.41 The subprogramme is expected to achieve its objectives and expected accomplishments on the assumption that:

(a) Member States will be willing to implement texts recommended by UNCITRAL and the General Assembly;

(b) Member States from all regional groups will send delegates to UNCITRAL meetings;

(c) International organizations in the field of commercial law will cooperate with UNCITRAL.

Outputs

8.42 During the biennium 2002-2003, the following outputs will be delivered:

(a) Servicing of intergovernmental/expert bodies

(i) General Assembly:

a. Substantive servicing. Meetings of the Sixth Committee (6);

b. Parliamentary documentation. Annual report of the Commission (2);

(ii) UNCITRAL:

a. Substantive servicing. Meetings of the Commission (60);

b. Parliamentary documentation. Official Records of the General Assembly (2); and reports by three intergovernmental working groups, substantive reports requested by the Commission, several substantive recurrent reports and substantive conference room papers (60);

(iii) UNCITRAL Working Group on Electronic Commerce:

a. Substantive servicing. Meetings of the Working Group (64);

b. Parliamentary documentation. Substantive reports (4) prepared in response to the request of the Working Group and substantive conference room papers (35);

(iv) UNCITRAL Working Group on Insolvency Law:

a. Substantive servicing. Meetings of the Working Group (64);

b. Parliamentary documentation. Substantive reports prepared in response to the request of the Working Group and substantive conference room papers (35);

(v) UNCITRAL Working Group on International Contract Practices:

a. Substantive servicing. Meetings of the Working Group (64);

b. Parliamentary documentation. Substantive reports prepared in response to the request of the Working Group and substantive conference room papers (35);

(b) Other services provided. Ad hoc expert groups. Up to 48 expert groups to discuss statutory texts to be submitted to the Commission and its working groups (6);

(c) Other substantive activities

(i) Recurrent publications: *United Nations Commission on International Trade Law Yearbook*, volume XXXII, 2001 (1), volume XXXIII, 2002 (1);

(ii) Non-recurrent publications: Booklet on Legislative Provisions on Electronic Contracting with Guide to Enactment (1); Booklet on Settlement of Commercial Disputes (1); Interpretative Guide to the United Nations Sales Convention (1); Booklet on Legislative Provisions on Legal Obstacles to Electronic Commerce in International Conventions with Guide to Enactment (1); and Legislative Guide on Insolvency Law (1);

(iii) Exhibits, guided tours, lectures: lectures to groups of practitioners, academics and law students in Vienna and elsewhere, as part of programmes organized by other professional, academic, non-governmental or intergovernmental organizations (15);

(iv) Special events: participation as co-organizers and moderators in the annual "Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot", in Vienna (2);

(v) Technical material: maintenance of the system for collecting court and arbitral decisions on Commission texts ("Case Law on UNCITRAL Texts (CLOUT)"); publication of abstracts of decisions; and monitoring developments and trends (1); and maintenance of a searchable Internet database of court and arbitral decisions collected under the CLOUT system (1);

(d) International cooperation, coordination and liaison. Participation by the Branch in the work of organizations active in the preparation and implementation of rules governing international commerce;

(e) Technical cooperation. Advisory services: briefing and advising Governments and non-governmental organizations to assist them in preparing legislation based on Commission texts and in the use of non-legislative Commission texts;

(f) Conference services, administration, oversight. Library services: acquisition for and servicing of the UNCITRAL Law Library.

Table 8.17 **Resource requirements: subprogramme 5**

	Resources (thousands of United States dollars)		*Posts*	
Category	*2000-2001*	*2002-2003 (before recosting)*	*2000-2001*	*2002-2003*
Regular budget				
Post	2 395.6	2 491.4	17	18
Non-post	338.4	417.7	-	-
Total	**2 734.0**	**2 909.1**	**17**	**18**
Extrabudgetary	225.0	175.0	-	-

8.43 The amount of $2,909,100 provides for 18 posts, including one new post at the P-4 level, and various non-post items. The increase under non-post items reflects primarily an increase for travel in the light of the growing number of requests from Member States for legislative assistance and for the Branch's portion of requirements for the enhanced use of information technology.

Subprogramme 6
Custody, registration and publication of treaties

Resource requirements (before recosting): $7,049,100

8.44 The subprogramme is implemented by the Treaty Section. Although the backlog of the Treaty Section has been reduced dramatically, there is still some delay in the translation process. Total elimination of the backlog is now expected in 2002. However, with the elimination of the printing backlog in 2001, the Treaty Series will be entirely produced in 2002 in the desktop publishing format, using the enhanced capabilities of the new database. The continuous upgrading of the working methods has resulted in decreasing staff costs, with the redeployment of three General Service (Other level) posts to other Divisions.

Table 8.18 **Objectives for the biennium, expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement**

Objective: To facilitate open diplomacy and to promote respect for international treaty obligations.

Expected accomplishments	*Indicators of achievement*
(a) Increased knowledge and understanding of treaties and related international legal matters, and of respect for the international treaty framework.	(a) Increased application of information obtained through services provided under this subprogramme.
(b) Improved access to international treaties deposited with the Secretary-General.	(b) Timely processing of actions relating to the registration and publication of international treaties deposited with the Secretary-General in accordance with Article 102 of the Charter, including timely availability of information through electronic services.

External factors

8.45 The subprogramme is expected to achieve its objectives and expected accomplishments on the assumption that:

(a) Member States submit treaties for registration in a timely manner and Treaty Section can rely on its technology to process registration speedily;

(b) Member States request legal and technical advice before (i) concluding treaties, in particular with reference to final clauses of treaties, which include provisions of entry into force; and (ii) before submitting treaties for registration to avoid delays and potential problems in their implementation.

Outputs

8.46 During the biennium 2002-2003, the following outputs will be delivered:

(a) Substantive activities

(i) Recurrent publications. publication of the *United Nations Treaty Series*, including legal analysis (160); bilingual issues (English/French) of the monthly *Statement of Treaties and International Agreements Registered or Filed and Recorded with the Secretariat* (ST/LEG/SER.A/__) (24); and preparation of eight internally compiled and typeset volumes of the *United Nations Treaty Series Cumulative Index*, in conjunction with the *United Nations Treaty Series* (8);

(ii) Non-recurrent publications: update of the *Summary of Practice of the Secretary-General as Depositary of Multilateral Treaties* (1);

(iii) Technical material: eight internally compiled typeset volumes of the *United Nations Treaty Series Cumulative Index*, in conjunction with the *United Nations Treaty Series* (8); updated information provided through the electronic media, including the Internet (Article 102 of the Charter) (1); daily maintenance of a comprehensive database of all depositary actions (1); production of the *United Nations Treaty Series Cumulative Index* automatically from the new database (1); *Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General*, Status as at 31 December 2001 (ST/LEG/SER.E/18) and Status as at 31 December 2002 (ST/LEG/SER.E/19) (2); preparation of printed volumes of the

United Nations Treaty Series for dissemination on the electronic medium, including on the Internet (1); preparation of a CD-ROM version of the *United Nations Treaty Series Cumulative Index* (1); updating of the *Summary of Practice of the Secretary-General as Depositary of Multilateral Treaties* (1); preparation of 160 volumes for publication of the *United Nations Treaty Series* internally through the new desktop publishing system (160); and provision of access to the users of the *United Nations Treaty Series* through the electronic media, including the local area network (LAN) and the Internet (1);

(iv) Promotion of legal instruments:

a. Preparation of papers and other material for delivery at public gatherings (general legal advice and services) (1);

b. Processing recording and notifying Member States and/or participating Governments and international organizations of approximately 3,600 formalities for the biennium, consisting of approximately 2,700 actions (signatures, ratifications, accessions, successions and acceptances (1);

c. Provision of information on the status of multilateral treaties of international organizations, Governments, the Secretariat, United Nations bodies and other entities (1); registration and processing, including legal analysis, of approximately 5,000 new treaties and international agreements (1);

d. Provision of substantial technical assistance to States in order to facilitate a broader State participation in the international treaty framework; and the domestic implementation of treaty obligations by States (1);

e. Provision of information on the status of registered instruments to Member States, intergovernmental organizations, the Secretariat, United Nations bodies and other entities (Article 102 of the Charter) (1);

f. Depositary notifications concerning multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary-General (900); custody of 518 multilateral treaties and related instruments for which the Secretary-General performs depositary functions in accordance with relevant final clauses (1);

g. Establishment of certified true copies of multilateral treaties for Governments and intergovernmental organizations (1);

h. Provision of legal advice, on all aspects of treaty law and depositary, registration and publication practice to Governments, intergovernmental organizations, units of the Secretariat and other entities (1); rectification of instruments as required (1);

i. Subsequent actions relating to more than 50,000 treaties and international agreements already registered or filed and recorded with the Secretariat (Article 102 of the Charter) (1).

Table 8.19 **Resource requirements: subprogramme 6**

	Resources (thousands of United States dollars)		*Posts*	
Category	*2000-2001*	*2002-2003 (before recosting)*	*2000-2001*	*2002-2003*
Post	5 688.1	5 350.9	36	33
Non-post	2 641.3	1 698.2	-	-
Total	**8 329.4**	**7 049.1**	**36**	**33**

8.47 The amount of $7,049,100 provides for 33 posts, reflecting the outward redeployment of three General Service (Other level) posts to other subprogrammes. It also reflects a substantial decrease in resource requirements for external printing resulting from the successful reduction of backlogs in the Treaty Section while, at the same time, providing for further information technology innovations.

C. Programme support

Resource requirements (before recosting): $1,441,900

8.48 The Executive Office provides support services to the Office of Legal Affairs in connection with personnel, budgetary and financial administration, resource planning and use of common services, together with administrative support to policy-making organs and other international meetings as required. It also provides administrative services for the implementation of work to be carried out by the Office of Legal Affairs pursuant to decisions of intergovernmental bodies.

Table 8.20 **Resource requirements: programme support**

	Resources (thousands of United States dollars)		*Posts*	
Category	*2000-2001*	*2002-2003 (before recosting)*	*2000-2001*	*2002-2003*
Post	1 124.9	1 124.9	7	7
Non-post	298.4	317.0	-	-
Total	**1 423.3**	**1 441.9**	**7**	**7**

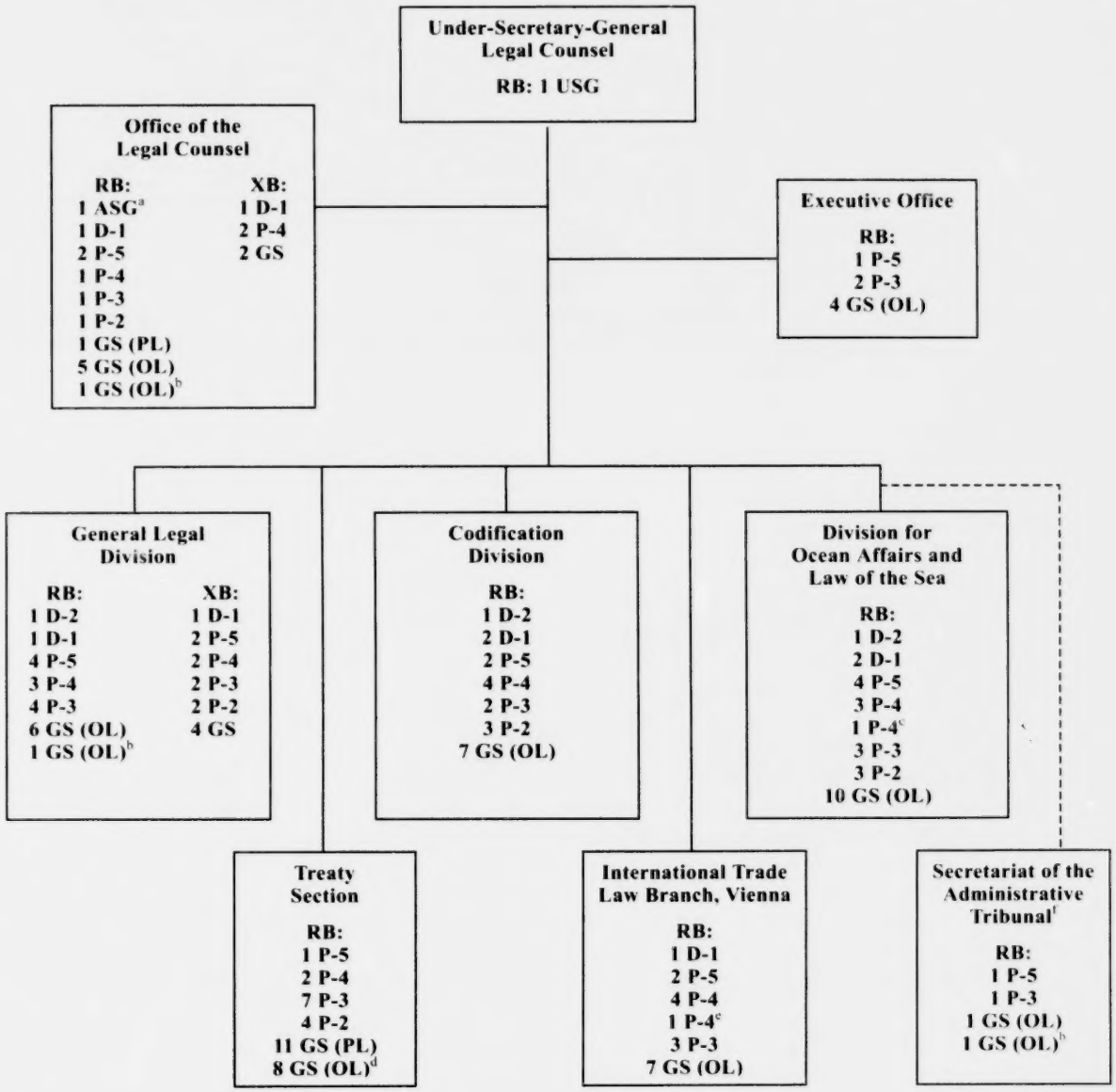
8.49 The amount of $1,441,900 provides for seven existing posts, other staff costs and various non-post items. The resource growth is primarily owing to increased requirements for general temporary assistance.

Table 8.21 **Summary of follow-up action taken to implement relevant recommendations of the internal and external oversight bodies and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions**

Brief description of the recommendation	*Action taken to implement the recommendation*
Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/54/7, chap. II)	
The Advisory Committee recommended that narratives in subprogrammes 1 and 2 include comparative information for the previous biennium (para. III.12).	The information is being provided under the respective subprogrammes.
The Advisory Committee recommended that details concerning the programme for the elimination of the backlog in the *Repertory of Practice of United Nations Organs* be provided in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003, along with an explanation of measures taken to ensure effective coordination on the elimination of the backlog as well as to ensure the timely production of future volumes (para. III.16).	The progress report of the Secretary-General (A/55/340) provides information on efforts to reduce the backlog and on the role of the Office of Legal Affairs in the overall coordination thereof. Information on the status of work on the *Repertory of Practice of United Nations Organs* is provided in the introduction of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003.
Board of Auditors (A/55/5 (vol. I, chap. II))	
The Board of Auditors recommended that the Office of Legal Affairs make every effort to review contracts in excess of $200,000, in accordance with the provisions of the Procurement Manual (para. 198 (b)).	See the first report on the implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors on the accounts of the United Nations for the biennium ended 31 December 1999 (A/55/380, paras. 17-18).
The Board recommended that the Office of Legal Affairs issue guidelines detailing the procedures for the selection of arbitrators and outside counsel to be included in the shortlist of potential candidates, in order to enhance competitiveness and make the selection process more transparent (para. 202).	See A/55/380, paragraphs 59-60. On 10 January 2001, the Legal Counsel issued the "Internal instruction concerning selection and engagement of outside counsel and selection and appointment of party-appointed arbitrators and related issues". This instruction is binding on all staff of the Office of Legal Affairs.
The Board recommended that the General Legal Division and the Procurement Division establish closer coordination in contract preparation and approval (para. 209 (a)).	See A/55/380, paragraphs 19-22. The Office of Legal Affairs and the Procurement Division are seeking to improve coordination and streamline the process with respect to the preparation and conclusion of contracts with outside counsel.

Brief description of the recommendation	*Action taken to implement the recommendation*
The Board recommended that the Office of Legal Affairs review the method of setting legal fee caps, with a view to strengthening control over the level of expenditure incurred for outside legal counsel (para. 215).	See A/55/380, paragraphs 23-27. The Office will continue to examine vigilantly any request by outside counsel for an increase in its fee cap to ensure that increases are allowed only when they are justified.
The Board recommended that the Office of Legal Affairs not request payments to outside counsel before contracts and amendments are properly concluded (para. 219).	See A/55/380, paragraphs 28-29. The Administration agrees that payments should be made to a contractor only on the basis of a properly concluded contract or amendment thereof.
The Board recommended that the Office of Legal Affairs establish clear segregation of functions to ensure the operation of sound internal checks in selecting outside counsel, recommending appointment, proposing contracts and requesting payment for services rendered by outside counsel (para. 223).	See A/55/380, paragraphs 30-31. As mentioned above, an internal instruction has been issued.
The Board recommended that the Office of Legal Affairs provide to the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, during its review of resource requirements, a consolidated summary setting out information on arbitration and other claims cases, such as the nature of the case and the amounts claimed (para. 227).	See A/55/380, paragraphs 61-62. The Office will continue to report to the Advisory Committee, using formats developed in consultation with the Board of Auditors or such other formats as the Committee may request, either upon request or at specified intervals.

Office of Legal Affairs
Organizational structure and post distribution for the biennium 2002-2003



[a] Also Deputy to the Under-Secretary-General.
[b] Redeployed.
[c] Reclassification.
[d] Three General Service posts redeployed to other units.
[e] New posts.
[f] In substantive matters, the secretariat (Executive Secretary) is exclusively responsible to the Administrative Tribunal.

Annex

Indicative resource requirements
Office of Legal Affairs

Table A.8.1 **Requirements by component and source of funds**

(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Component	*1998-1999 expenditure*	*2000-2001 appropri-ation*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*2002-2003 estimate*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
A. Policy-making organs	3 135.4	3 568.0	23.1	0.6	3 591.1	188.2	3 779.3
B. Programme of work	26 052.9	28 889.3	(27.4)	-	28 861.9	1 876.2	30 738.1
C. Programme support	1 520.0	1 423.3	18.6	1.3	1 441.9	108.4	1 550.3
Total	**30 708.3**	**33 880.6**	**14.3**	**-**	**33 894.9**	**2 172.8**	**36 067.7**

(2) *Extrabudgetary*

1998-1999 expenditure	*2000-2001 estimate*	*Source of funds*	*2002-2003 estimate*
		(a) Services in support of:	
		(i) United Nations organizations: support to	
2 483.7	2 669.5	extrabudgetary administrative structures	3 034.3
		(ii) Extrabudgetary activities: peacekeeping	
700.0	846.2	operations	1 562.0
		(b) Substantive activities	
		Trust Fund for the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law	
179.6	220.0	Symposia	165.0
		Trust Fund for the Seminar on International	
98.8	-	Law	120.0
		Trust Fund for the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law – The Hamilton Shirley Amerasinghe Memorial	
44.4	55.0	Fellowship	56.0
		Trust Fund for the Gilberto Amado Memorial	
2.6	6.0	Lecture	5.0
		Trust Fund for the Least Developed Countries in the Work of the Preparatory Committee on the Establishment of an International Criminal Court and in the 1998	
565.3	220.2	Diplomatic Conference of Plenipotentiaries	240.0
		Trust Fund to Assist States in the Settlement of Disputes through the International Court	
249.8	-	of Justice	500.0
		Trust Fund for the Developing Countries in the Work of the Preparatory Committee on the Establishment of an International Criminal Court and in the 1998 Diplomatic	
31.8	-	Conference of Plenipotentiaries	100.0
		Trust Fund for the Colloquium on the Progressive Codification and Development	
4.0	-	of International Law	-
		Voluntary Fund to Grant Travel Assistance to Developing Countries Members of the	
4.5	5.0	Commission on International Trade Law	10.0
		(c) Operational projects	
-	-	Bilateral sources	-
4 364.5	**4 021.9**	**Total**	**5 792.3**
35 072.8	**37 902.5**	**Total (1) and (2)**	**41 860.0**

Table A.8.2 **Requirements by object of expenditure**

(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	*1998-1999 expenditure*	*2000-2001 appropri-ation*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*2002-2003 estimate*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	23 805.8	25 860.0	323.1	1.2	26 183.1	1 790.4	27 973.5
Other staff costs	308.4	297.6	(15.6)	(5.2)	282.0	15.3	297.3
Non-staff compensation	245.5	284.4	(0.4)	(0.1)	284.0	3.9	287.9
Consultants and experts	775.0	375.0	112.4	29.9	487.4	21.0	508.4
Travel of representatives	1 715.5	2 036.5	(215.4)	(10.5)	1 821.1	99.7	1 920.8
Travel of staff	860.9	787.5	57.1	7.2	844.6	45.9	890.5
Contractual services	1 919.3	2 924.9	(446.8)	(15.2)	2 478.1	123.3	2 601.4
General operating expenses	340.9	458.7	(7.2)	(1.5)	451.5	21.8	473.3
Hospitality	8.9	6.6	-	-	6.6	0.4	7.0
Supplies and materials	82.9	182.7	1.6	0.8	184.3	4.6	188.9
Furniture and equipment	308.7	295.7	205.5	69.4	501.2	26.2	527.4
Grants and contributions	336.5	371.0	-	-	371.0	20.3	391.3
Total	**30 708.3**	**33 880.6**	**14.3**	**-**	**33 894.9**	**2 172.8**	**36 067.7**

(2) *Extrabudgetary*

Object of expenditure	*1998-1999 expenditure*	*2000-2001 estimate*	*2002-2003 estimate*
Posts	1 877.4	2 733.6	3 436.8
Other staff costs	1 068.8	726.3	1 109.2
Consultants and experts	55.9	40.0	15.0
Travel	671.6	405.2	500.0
General operating expenses	7.7	29.1	21.3
Furniture and equipment	6.6	27.1	34.0
Grants and contributions	387.9	55.0	676.0
Other expenditure	288.6	5.6	
Total	**4 364.5**	**4 021.9**	**5 792.3**
Total (1) and (2)	**35 072.8**	**37 902.5**	**41 860.0**

Table A.8.3 **Post requirements**

Category	Established regular budget posts		Temporary posts				Total	
			Regular budget		Extrabudgetary			
	2000-2001	2002-2003	2000-2001	2002-2003	2000-2001	2002-2003	2000-2001	2002-2003
Professional and above								
USG	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
ASG	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
D-2	3	3	-	-	-	-	3	3
D-1	7	7	-	-	2	2	9	9
P-5	17	17	-	-	2	2	19	19
P-4/3	41	42	-	-	6	6	47	48
P-2/1	11	11	-	-	2	2	13	13
Subtotal	**81**	**82**	**-**	**-**	**12**	**12**	**93**	**94**
General Service								
Principal level	12	12	-	-	-	-	12	12
Other level	51	51	-	-	6	6	57	57
Subtotal	**63**	**63**	**-**	**-**	**6**	**6**	**69**	**69**
Total	**144**	**145**	**-**	**-**	**18**	**18**[a]	**162**	**163**

[a] Includes 13 posts (2 D-1, 1 P-5, 1 P-4, 1 P-3, 2 P-2, 6 General Service (Other level)) funded from support to extrabudgetary administrative structures and 5 posts (1 P-5, 3 P-4, 1 P-3) from support to peacekeeping operations.

Policy-making organs

Table A.8.4 **Requirements by component**

(Thousands of United States dollars)

Component	1998-1999 expenditure	2000-2001 appropriation	Resource growth		Total before recosting	Recosting	2002-2003 estimate
			Amount	Percentage			
1. International Law Commission	1 758.1	2 086.2	(198.2)	(9.5)	1 888.0	90.2	1 978.2
2. United Nations Commission on International Trade Law	324.1	289.7	10.8	3.7	300.5	7.4	307.9
3. United Nations Administrative Tribunal (including its secretariat)	1 053.2	1 192.1	210.5	17.6	1 402.6	90.6	1 493.2
Total	**3 135.4**	**3 568.0**	**23.1**	**0.6**	**3 591.1**	**188.2**	**3 779.3**

1. International Law Commission

Table A.8.5 **Requirements by object of expenditure**

(Thousands of United States dollars)

Regular budget

Object of expenditure	*1998-1999 expenditure*	*2000-2001 appropriation*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*2002-2003 estimate*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Non-staff compensation	184.0	237.0	1.0	0.4	238.0	-	238.0
Travel of representatives	1 350.3	1 598.8	(190.0)	(11.8)	1 408.8	77.1	1 485.9
Travel of staff	198.9	218.1	(9.2)	(4.2)	208.9	11.3	220.2
Contractual services	24.9	32.3	-	-	32.3	1.8	34.1
Total	**1 758.1**	**2 086.2**	**(198.2)**	**(9.5)**	**1 888.0**	**90.2**	**1 978.2**

Resource requirements (before recosting)

Non-staff compensation

A.8.1 The amount of $238,000 provides for the honorariums of the Chairman and 33 members of the Commission, and additional amounts payable to six special rapporteurs, at rates set by the General Assembly in its resolution 35/218 of 17 December 1980.

Travel of representatives

A.8.2 The amount of $1,408,800, reflecting a decrease of $190,000 because of the split session to be held over 10 weeks, as opposed to the current 12 week sessions, provides for the travel and subsistence allowance of the members of the Commission (see A/55/10, para. 735). The provision covers the costs of: (a) attendance by the Chairman and 33 members at the annual session at Geneva; (b) attendance by the Chairman at the regular sessions of the Assembly during consideration of the Commission's reports; and (c) attendance by the Chairman or another representative of the Commission at the sessions of the four regional legal intergovernmental bodies (each of two weeks' duration), with which the Commission, pursuant to its statute, has established links of cooperation.

Travel of staff

A.8.3 The amount of $208,900 provides for the travel and subsistence allowance of the Legal Counsel and six staff members from the Codification Division to service the sessions of the Commission.

Contractual services

A.8.4 The sum of $32,300 is for the external printing costs of the *Yearbook of the International Law Commission*.

2. United Nations Commission on International Trade Law

Table A.8.6 **Requirements by object of expenditure**

(Thousands of United States dollars)

Regular budget

Object of expenditure	*1998-1999 expenditure*	*2000-2001 appropriation*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*2002-2003 estimate*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Travel of representatives	11.8	13.8	-	-	13.8	0.8	14.6
Travel of staff	80.5	135.4	-	-	135.4	7.4	142.8
Contractual services	231.8	140.5	10.8	7.6	151.3	(0.8)	150.5
Total	**324.1**	**289.7**	**10.8**	**7.6**	**300.5**	**7.4**	**307.9**

Resource requirements (before recosting)

Travel of representatives

A.8.5 An amount of $13,800 provides for the travel and subsistence of the Chairman of UNCITRAL to attend the meetings of the Sixth Committee of the General Assembly during its consideration of the report of the Commission. The Chairmanship rotates among the various regions. The Chairman in 2002 will be from Africa, while in 2003, the Chairman will be from Eastern Europe.

Travel of staff

A.8.6 The amount of $135,400 provides for the cost of travel for staff from Vienna to provide substantive and technical service of one session of UNCITRAL in New York, of six working groups outside Vienna and to service two sessions of the Sixth Committee in New York, as well for as the Legal Counsel's travel to one session of UNCITRAL in Vienna.

Contractual services

A.8.7 The amount of $151,300 reflecting an increase of $10,800 would provide for the external printing costs of volumes XXXII and XXXIII of the *Yearbook of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law*, as well as the printing of booklets on Legislative Provisions on Electronic Contracting with Guides to Enactment, Settlement of Commercial Disputes, and Guides to the United Nations Sales Convention and Insolvency Law.

3. United Nations Administrative Tribunal (including its secretariat)

Table A.8.7 **Requirements by object of expenditure and source of funds**

(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	*1998-1999 expenditure*	*2000-2001 appropriation*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*2002-2003 estimate*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	366.2	502.5	205.5	40.8	708.0	51.2	759.2
Other staff costs	9.8	14.5	-	-	14.5	0.8	15.3
Non-staff compensation	46.0	47.4	(1.4)	(2.9)	46.0	3.9	49.9
Consultants and experts	103.1	29.7	10.5	35.3	40.2	2.2	42.4
Travel of representatives	353.4	406.8	(8.3)	(2.0)	398.5	21.8	420.3
Travel of staff	87.5	73.7	-	-	73.7	4.1	77.8
Contractual services	77.8	107.2	-	-	107.2	5.8	113.0
General operating expenses	3.0	5.6	0.9	16.0	6.5	0.4	6.9
Supplies and materials	2.1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Furniture and equipment	4.3	4.7	3.3	70.2	8.0	0.4	8.4
Total	**1 053.2**	**1 192.1**	**210.5**	**17.6**	**1 402.6**	**90.6**	**1 493.2**

(2) *Extrabudgetary*

1998-1999 expenditure	*2000-2001 estimate*	*Source of funds*		*2002-2003 estimate*
		(a)	Services in support of:	
			(i) United Nations organizations: support to extrabudgetary administrative	
120.9	120.9		structures	-
-	-		(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	-
-	-	(b)	Substantive activities	-
-	-	(c)	Operational projects	-
120.9	**120.9**			-
1 174.1	**1 313.0**			**1 493.2**

Table A.8.8 **Post requirements**

United Nations Administrative Tribunal (including its secretariat)

Category	Established regular budget posts		Temporary posts				Total	
			Regular budget		Extrabudgetary			
	2000-2001	2002-2003	2000-2001	2002-2003	2000-2001	2002-2003	2000-2001	2002-2003
Professional and above								
P-5	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
P-4/3	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
Subtotal	**2**	**2**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**2**	**2**
General Service								
Other level	1	2	-	-	-	-	1	2
Subtotal	**1**	**2**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**1**	**2**
Total	**3**	**4**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**3**	**4**

Resource requirements (before recosting)

Posts

A.8.8 The amount of $708,000, reflecting a growth of $205,500, which includes the delayed impact of the P-3 post established for the biennium 2000-2001, provides for the continuation of one P-5 post, one P-3 post and one General Service post, as well as one General Service post redeployed from the Treaty Section.

Other staff costs

A.8.9 The amount of $14,500, provides for overtime ($2,700) and temporary assistance in English and French for servicing the Tribunal's sessions including for work related to the publication of judgements ($11,800).

Non-staff compensation

A.8.10 The amount of $46,000 provides for the payment of honorariums to the seven members of the Tribunal at the rates set by the General Assembly in its resolution 35/218 of 17 December 1980.

Consultants and experts

A.8.11 The requirement of $40,200 reflecting an increase of $10,500 provides for updating, in book form, the Tribunal's case law and for the preparation and publication of *Judgements of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal*.

Travel of representatives

A.8.12 The amount of $398,500, reflecting a decrease of $8,300 on the basis of expenditure patterns, provides for travel in connection with the attendance of seven members of the Tribunal at two sessions to be held in New York and two in Geneva and for travel of the Executive Secretary for consultations with agencies under the jurisdiction of the Tribunal.

Travel of staff

A.8.13 The amount of $73,700 provides for travel of staff to service two meetings in Geneva.

Contractual services

A.8.14 The amount of $107,200 provides for the cost of the external printing of volumes XVI and XVII of *Judgements of the Administrative Tribunal* in English and in French ($44,400) and for database acquisition and rental and usage fees for the computerized index of case law of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal (LEXIS) ($62,800).

General operating expenses

A.8.15 The provision of $6,500 relates to the maintenance of office automation equipment.

Furniture and equipment

A.8.16 The amount of $8,000 provides for the acquisition of office automation equipment.

Programme of work

Table A.8.9 **Percentage distribution of resources by subprogramme**

Subprogramme	*Regular budget*	*Extrabudgetary*
1. Overall direction, management and coordination of legal advice and services provided to the United Nations as a whole	12.2	31.0
2. General legal services provided to United Nations organs and programmes	16.0	57.0
3. Progressive development and codification of international law	17.2	8.0
4. Law of the sea and ocean affairs	20.2	1.0
5. Progressive harmonization and unification of the law of international trade	10.0	3.0
6. Custody, registration and publication of treaties	24.4	-
Total	**100**	**100**

Table A.8.10 **Requirements by subprogramme and source of funds**

(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Subprogramme	*1998-1999 expenditure*	*2000-2001 appropriation*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*2002-2003 estimate*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
1. Overall direction, management and coordination of legal advice and services provided to the United Nations as a whole	3 123.8	3 234.2	284.0	8.7	3 518.2	247.8	3 766.0
2. General legal services provided to United Nations organs and programmes	3 330.2	4 203.7	408.3	9.7	4 612.0	331.7	4 943.7
3. Progressive development and codification of international law	4 040.0	4 788.8	175.9	3.6	4 964.7	352.3	5 317.0
4. Law of the sea and ocean affairs	5 312.5	5 599.2	209.6	3.7	5 808.8	418.2	6 227.0
5. Progressive harmonization and unification of the law of international trade	2 968.5	2 734.0	175.1	6.4	2 909.1	59.8	2 968.9
6. Custody, registration and publication of treaties	7 272.9	8 329.4	(1 280.3)	(15.3)	7 049.1	466.4	7 515.5
Total	**26 052.9**	**28 889.3**	**(27.4)**	**-**	**28 861.9**	**1 876.2**	**30 738.1**

(2) *Extrabudgetary*

1998-1999 expenditure	*2000-2001 estimate*	*Source of funds*	*2002-2003 estimate*
		(a) Services in support of:	
		(i) United Nations organizations: support to	
2 362.8	2 548.6	extrabudgetary administrative activities	3 034.3
		(ii) Extrabudgetary activities: peacekeeping	
700.0	846.2	operations	1 562.0
		(b) Substantive activities	
		Trust Fund for the United Nations Commission	
179.6	220.0	on International Trade Law Symposia	165.0
		Trust Fund for the Seminar on International	
98.8	-	Law	120.0
		Trust Fund for the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law – The Hamilton Shirley	
44.4	55.0	Amerasinghe Memorial Fellowship	56.0
		Trust Fund for the Gilberto Amado Memorial	
2.6	6.0	Lecture	5.0
		Trust Fund for the Least Developed Countries in the Work of the Preparatory Committee on the establishment of an International Criminal Court and in the 1998 Diplomatic Conference	
565.3	220.2	of Plenipotentiaries	240.0
		Trust Fund to Assist States in the Settlement of Disputes through the International Court of	
249.8	-	Justice	500.0
		Trust Fund for the Developing Countries in the Work of the Preparatory Committee on the Establishment of an International Criminal Court and in the 1998 Diplomatic Conference	
31.8	-	of Plenipotentiaries	100.0
		Trust Fund for the Colloquium on the Progressive Codification and Development of	
4.0		International Law	-
		Voluntary Fund to Grant Travel Assistance to Developing Countries Members of the	
4.5	5.0	Commission on International Trade Law	10.0
4 243.6	**3 901.0**	**Total**	**5 792.3**
30 296.5	**32 790.3**	**Total (1) and (2)**	**36 530.4**

Table A.8.11 Post requirements

Category	Established regular budget posts		Temporary posts				Total	
			Regular budget		Extrabudgetary			
	2000-2001	2002-2003	2000-2001	2002-2003	2000-2001	2002-2003	2000-2001	2002-2003
Professional and above								
USG	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
ASG	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
D-2	3	3	-	-	-	-	3	3
D-1	7	7	-	-	2	2	9	9
P-5	15	15	-	-	2	2	17	17
P-4/3	38	39	-	-	6	6	44	45
P-2/1	11	11	-	-	2	2	13	13
Subtotal	**76**	**77**	**-**	**-**	**12**	**12**	**88**	**89**
General Service								
Principal level	12	12	-	-			12	12
Other level	46	45	-	-	6	6	52	51
Subtotal	**58**	**57**	**-**	**-**	**6**	**6**	**64**	**63**
Total	**134**	**134**	**-**	**-**	**18**	**18**[a]	**152**	**152**

[a] Includes 13 posts (2 D-1, 1 P-5, 1 P-4, 1 P-3, 2 P-2, 6 General Service (Other level)) funded from support to extrabudgetary administrative structures and 5 posts (1 P-5, 3 P-4, 1 P-3) from support to peacekeeping operations.

Subprogramme 1
Overall direction, management and coordination of legal advice and services to the United Nations as a whole

Table A.8.12 **Requirements by object of expenditure and source of funds**

(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	*1998-1999 expenditure*	*2000-2001 appropriation*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*2002-2003 estimate*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	2 590.9	2 958.3	112.4	3.7	3 070.7	223.2	3 293.9
Other staff costs	5.0	-	4.0	-	4.0	0.2	4.2
Consultants and experts	181.8	29.7	0.1	0.3	29.8	1.6	31.4
Travel of representatives[a]	-	17.1	(17.1)	(100.0)	-	-	-
Travel of staff	288.9	161.8	34.3	21.1	196.1	10.7	206.8
Contractual services	-	-	130.8	-	130.8	7.2	138.0
General operating expenses	23.5	24.8	(0.7)	(2.8)	24.1	1.4	25.5
Hospitality	8.9	6.6	-	-	6.6	0.4	7.0
Supplies and materials	0.5	-	-	-	-	-	-
Furniture and equipment	29.3	35.9	20.2	56.2	56.1	3.1	59.2
Total	**3 128.8**	**3 234.2**	**284.0**	**8.7**	**3 518.2**	**247.8**	**3 766.0**

[a] The non-recurrent appropriation for travel of representatives recorded in the biennium 2000-2001, totalling $17,100, relates to unforeseen and extraordinary expenses incurred during negotiations with the Government of Sierra Leone for the creation of a special court as mandated by the Security Council in its resolution 1315 (2000).

(2) *Extrabudgetary*

1998-1999 expenditure	*2000-2001 estimate*	*Source of funds*	*2002-2003 estimate*
		(a) Services in support of:	
778.0	862.2	(i) United Nations organizations	1 005.3
155.6		(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	311.2
		(b) Substantive activities	
249.8	-	Trust Fund to Assist States in the Judicial Disputes through the International Court of Justice	500.0
1 027.8	**1 017.8**	**Total**	**1 816.5**
4 156.6	**4 252.0**	**Total (1) and (2)**	**5 582.5**

Table A.8.13 **Post requirements**

Office of the Legal Counsel

Category	Established regular budget posts		Temporary posts: Regular budget		Temporary posts: Extrabudgetary		Total	
	2000-2001	2002-2003	2000-2001	2002-2003	2000-2001	2002-2003	2000-2001	2002-2003
Professional and above								
USG	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
ASG	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
D-1	1	1	-	-	1	1	2	2
P-5	2	2	-	-	-		2	2
P-4/3	2	2	-	-	2	2	4	4
P-2/1	1	1	-	-	-		1	1
Subtotal	**8**	**8**	**-**	**-**	**3**	**3**	**11**	**11**
General Service								
Principal level	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
Other level	5	6	-	-	2	2	7	8
Subtotal	**6**	**7**	**-**	**-**	**2**	**2**	**8**	**9**
Total	**14**	**15**	**-**	**-**	**5[a]**	**5[a]**	**19**	**20**

[a] Four posts funded from support to extrabudgetary administrative structures (1 D-1, 1 P-4, 2 General Service (Other level)) and one P-4 post from the support account for peacekeeping operations.

Resource requirements (before recosting)

Posts

A.8.17 The amount of $3,070,700 provides for the continuation of eight posts in the Professional category and above and seven General Service posts, including one General Service (Other level) post redeployed from the Treaty Section to provide support to the legal archive.

Other staff costs

A.8.18 The amount of $4,000 covers the requirements for overtime inherent in providing support to the Under-Secretary-General.

Consultants and experts

A.8.19 The provision of $29,800 will enable the Office to respond to requests emanating from the intergovernmental process, such as commissions of investigation and inquiry requiring expertise not available in the Office.

Travel of staff

A.8.20 The provision of $196,100 reflecting a growth of $34,300 based on 1999 and 2000 expenditure patterns, relates to travel of the Legal Counsel and other senior legal officers to deal with matters arising from resolutions of the Security Council relating to the maintenance of peace and security, as well as for the negotiation of international legal instruments with Member States.

Contractual services

A.8.21 The amount of $130,800 provides for the portion of the Office of the Legal Counsel in engaging expertise related to the overall enhancement of information technology, with particular emphasis on the legal archive.

Hospitality

A.8.22 A provision of $6,600 relates to the cost of official functions.

General operating expenses

A.8.23 The amount of $24,100 provides for the maintenance costs of office automation equipment.

Furniture and equipment

A.8.24 A provision of $56,100 is made for costs relating to acquisition and replacement of office automation equipment and computer software ($36,100), and for specialized equipment related to the computerization of the legal archive ($20,000).

Subprogramme 2
General legal services provided to United Nations organs and programmes

Table A.8.14 **Requirements by object of expenditure and source of funds**

(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	*1998-1999 expenditure*	*2000-2001 appropriation*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*2002-2003 estimate*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	3 078.9	3 870.4	205.5	5.3	4 075.9	302.3	4 378.2
Other staff costs	24.4	29.0	-	-	29.0	1.6	30.6
Non-staff compensation	14.6	-	-	-	-	-	-
Consultants and experts	22.4	36.9	0.1	0.2	37.0	2.0	39.0
Travel of staff	13.0	11.8	-	-	11.8	0.6	12.4
Contractual services	87.5	131.1	181.1	138.1	312.2	17.2	329.4
General operating expenses	29.3	46.3	-	-	46.3	2.5	48.8
Supplies and materials	1.4	9.5	(3.4)	(35.7)	6.1	0.4	6.5
Furniture and equipment	58.7	68.7	25.0	36.3	93.7	5.1	98.8
Total	**3 330.2**	**4 203.7**	**408.3**	**9.7**	**4 612.0**	**331.7**	**4 943.7**

(2) *Extrabudgetary*

1998-1999 expenditure	2000-2001 estimate	Source of funds	2002-2003 estimate
		(a) Services in support of:	
		(i) United Nations organizations: support to extrabudgetary administrative	
1 584.8	1 686.4	structures	2 029.0
		(ii) Extrabudgetary activities: peacekeeping	
700.0	690.6	operations	1 250.8
Total	**2 284.8**	**2 377.0**	**3 279.8**
Total (1) and (2)	**5 615.0**	**6 580.7**	**8 223.5**

Table A.8.15 **Post requirements**

General Legal Division

	Established regular budget posts		Temporary posts				Total	
			Regular budget		Extrabudgetary			
Category	2000-2001	2002-2003	2000-2001	2002-2003	2000-2001	2002-2003	2000-2001	2002-2003
Professional and above								
D-2	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
D-1	1	1	-	-	1	1	2	2
P-5	4	4	-	-	2	2	6	6
P-4/3	7	7	-	-	4	4	11	11
P-2/1	-	-	-	-	2	2	2	2
Subtotal	**13**	**13**	**-**	**-**	**9**	**9**	**22**	**22**
General Service								
Other level	6	7	-	-	4	4	10	11
Subtotal	**6**	**7**	**-**	**-**	**4**	**4**	**10**	**11**
Total	**19**	**20**	**-**	**-**	**13**[a]	**13**[a]	**32**	**33**

[a] Includes nine posts funded from support to extrabudgetary administrative structures (1 D-1, 1 P-5, 1 P-3, 2 P-2, and 4 General Service); and four posts funded from the support account for peacekeeping operations (1 P-5, 2 P-4 and 1 P-3).

Resource requirements (before recosting)

Posts

A.8.25 The amount of $4,075,900 provides for the continuation of 13 posts in the Professional category and above and seven General Service posts, including the redeployment of one General Service post from the Treaty Section to handle the increased demand for support service in the Division.

Other staff costs

A.8.26 Requirements of $29,000 relate to the continuing need to retain the temporary services of additional lawyers during periods of peak workload, especially in cases of matters entrusted by the General Assembly or the Security Council to the Secretariat ($20,800), and overtime ($8,200).

Consultants and experts

A.8.27 The resources required under this heading ($37,000) relate to the cost of retaining the services of outside counsel for advice and assistance in matters requiring special expertise not available in the Secretariat, such as matters involving complex real estate and banking transactions, taxation questions, complex commercial claims and intellectual property matters, all of which require interpretation of national law or representation before national courts or administrative bodies, and for assistance in responding to unanticipated urgent matters.

Travel of staff

A.8.28 The provision of $11,800 provides for travel required to ensure: (a) provision of legal services and support to offices away from Headquarters for negotiation and preparation of contracts and other agreements; (b) representation of the Organization in legal proceedings; (c) provision of orientation to outside counsel in connection with the interpretation of relevant legal instruments, the resolution of disputes and the representation of the Organization; and (d) representation of the Secretary-General before the United Nations Administrative Tribunal at its sessions in Geneva.

Contractual services

A.8.29 The amount of $312,200, reflecting an increase of $181,100, provides for the ongoing cost of subscriptions and usage fees in connection with the WESTLAW and LEXIS legal database services ($181,400), which provide access to domestic and international legal materials and the judgements of the Administrative Tribunal, as well as other electronic data sources of legal information; and for the development of a computerized legal archive, as part of the overall enhanced use of information technology in the Office ($130,800).

General operating expenses

A.8.30 The amount of $46,300 provides for the maintenance of office automation equipment in the Division.

Supplies and materials

A.8.31 Resource requirements in the amount of $6,100 are for office automation supplies and electronic publications.

Furniture and equipment

A.8.32 The amount of $93,700, reflecting an increase of $25,000, provides for the acquisition of office automation equipment, the upgrading and replacement of electronic data-processing equipment required by the Division ($73,700) and for specialized equipment related to the computerization of the legal archive ($20,000).

Subprogramme 3
Progressive development and codification of international law

Table A.8.16 **Requirements by object of expenditure and source of funds**

(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	*1998-1999 expenditure*	*2000-2001 appropriation*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*2002-2003 estimate*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	3 531.0	4 130.1	-	-	4 130.1	306.8	4 436.9
Other staff costs	10.2	86.1	15.1	17.5	101.2	5.5	106.7
Travel of staff	7.7	20.7	-	-	20.7	1.1	21.8
Contractual services	100.5	124.9	130.0	104.0	254.9	13.9	268.8
General operating expenses	30.8	30.9	3.0	9.7	33.9	1.8	35.7
Supplies and materials	1.5	-	-	-	-	-	-
Furniture and equipment	21.8	25.1	27.8	110.7	52.9	2.9	55.8
Grants and contributions	336.5	371.0	-	-	371.0	20.3	391.3
Total	**4 040.0**	**4 788.8**	**175.9**	**3.6**	**4 964.7**	**352.3**	**5 317.0**

(2) *Extrabudgetary*

1998-1999 expenditure	*2000-2001 estimate*	*Source of funds*	*2002-2003 estimate*
		(a) Services in support of:	
		(i) United Nations organizations: support to extrabudgetary administrative structures	-
-	-	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities: peacekeeping operations	-
-	-	(b) Substantive activities	
		Trust Fund for the Least Developed Countries in the Work of the Preparatory Committee on the establishment of an International Criminal Court and in the 1998 Diplomatic Conference of Plenipotentiaries	240.0
565.3	220.2		
		Trust Fund for the Developing Countries in the Work of the Preparatory Committee on the Establishment of an International Criminal Court and in the 1998 Diplomatic Conference of Plenipotentiaries	100.0
31.8	-		
		Trust Fund for the Colloquium on the Progressive Codification and Development of International Law	-
4.0			
		Trust Fund for the Seminar on International Law	120.0
98.8	-		
		Trust Fund for the Gilberto Amado Memorial Lecture	5.0
2.6	6.0		
Total	**226.2**		**465.0**
Total (1) and (2)	**5 015.0**		**5 782.0**

Table A.8.17 **Post requirements**

Codification Division

Category	*Established regular budget posts*		*Temporary posts*				*Total*	
			Regular budget		*Extrabudgetary*			
	2000-2001	*2002-2003*	*2000-2001*	*2002-2003*	*2000-2001*	*2002-2003*	*2000-2001*	*2002-2003*
Professional and above								
D-2	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
D-1	2	2	-	-	-	-	2	2
P-5	2	2	-	-	-	-	2	2
P-4/3	6	6	-	-	-	-	6	6
P-2/1	3	3	-	-	-	-	3	3
Subtotal	**14**	**14**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**14**	**14**
General Service								
Other level	7	7	-	-	-	-	7	7
Subtotal	**7**	**7**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**7**	**7**
Total	**21**	**21**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**21**	**21**

Resource requirements (before recosting)

Posts

A.8.33 The amount of $4,130,100 covers the cost of 14 continuing posts in the Professional category and above and seven General Service posts.

Other staff costs

A.8.34 The provision of $101,200, reflecting an increase of $15,100, is required for general temporary assistance related to the preparation of, and reduction in the backlog of, the *Repertory of Practice of United Nations Organs* ($76,100) and overtime incurred while servicing meetings of the Sixth Committee, the Preparatory Commission on the Establishment of an International Criminal Court and other committees ($25,100).

Travel of staff

A.8.35 The provision of $20,700 relates to attendance by staff at meetings and conferences of United Nations organs and other bodies held away from Headquarters and meetings of regional bodies with which the International Law Commission has established formal links, including inter-sessional meetings organized by delegations of the Sixth Committee or subsidiary organs, in connection with such topics as the International Criminal Court and international terrorism, and meetings of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee.

Contractual services

A.8.36 The amount of $254,900, reflecting an increase of $130,000, relates specifically to the integration of the work of the Division into the overall enhanced use of information technology in the Office ($130,000), in particular the storage and retrieval of codification documentation in the legal archive, including the *Repertory of Practice of United Nations Organs*, the *Yearbook of the*

International Law Commission, and the *United Nations Juridical Yearbook*; and to the external printing costs of three volumes of the *United Nations Juridical Yearbook*, two volumes of the *Legislative Series*, one volume of the *United Nations Reports of International Arbitral Awards* and the supplements to the *Repertory of Practice of United Nations Organs* ($124,900).

General operating expenses

A.8.37 An amount of $33,900 provides for the maintenance of office automation equipment.

Furniture and equipment

A.8.38 The amount of $52,900, reflecting an increase of $27,800, provides for the acquisition of office automation equipment ($32,900) and for equipment related to the computerization of materials to be included in the legal archive ($20,000).

Grants and contributions

A.8.39 The amount of $371,000, provides for the cost of travel and stipends for approximately 46 fellowships (23 annually) to participants from developing countries and countries with economies in transition in connection with the United Nations/United Nations Institute for Training and Research fellowship programme in international law in Geneva.

Subprogramme 4
Law of the sea and ocean affairs

Table A.8.18 **Requirements by object of expenditure and source of funds**

(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	*1998-1999 expenditure*	*2000-2001 appropriation*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*2002-2003 estimate*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	4 892.1	5 190.1	41.1	0.7	5 231.2	386.7	5 617.9
Other staff costs	-	3.2	3.4	106.2	6.6	0.4	7.0
Non-staff compensation	0.9	-	-	-	-	-	-
Consultants and experts	163.5	125.7	33.1	26.3	158.8	8.7	167.5
Travel of staff	106.0	97.0	12.0	12.3	109.0	5.9	114.9
Contractual services	21.1	47.0	93.2	198.2	140.2	7.6	147.8
General operating expenses	43.9	44.4	-	-	44.4	2.4	46.8
Supplies and materials	17.4	26.4	-	-	26.4	1.4	27.8
Furniture and equipment	67.6	65.4	26.8	40.9	92.2	5.1	97.3
Total	**5 312.5**	**5 599.2**	**209.6**	**3.7**	**5 808.8**	**418.2**	**6 227.0**

(2) *Extrabudgetary*

1998-1999 expenditure	2000-2001 estimate	Source of funds	2002-2003 estimate
		(a) Services in support of:	
		(i) United Nations organizations:	
-	-	support to extrabudgetary administrative structure	-
		(ii) Extrabudgetary activities:	
-	-	peacekeeping operations	-
		(b) Substantive activities	
		Trust Fund for the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law – The Hamilton Shirley Amerasinghe Memorial	
44.4	55.0	Fellowship	56.0
-	-	(c) Operational projects	-
44.4	**55.0**		**56.0**
5 356.9	**5 654.2**		**6 283.0**

Table A.8.19 **Post requirements**

Division of Ocean Affairs and Law of the Sea

	Established regular budget posts		Temporary posts					
			Regular budget		Extrabudgetary		Total	
Category	2000-2001	2002-2003	2000-2001	2002-2003	2000-2001	2002-2003	2000-2001	2002-2003
Professional and above								
D-2	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
D-1	2	2	-	-	-	-	2	2
P-5	4	4	-	-	-	-	4	4
P-4/3	7	7	-	-	-	-	7	7
P-2/1	3	3	-	-	-	-	3	3
Subtotal	**17**	**17**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**17**	**17**
General Service								
Other level	10	10	-	-	-	-	10	10
Subtotal	**10**	**10**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**10**	**10**
Total	**27**	**27**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**27**	**27**

Resource requirements (before recosting)

Posts

A.8.40 The amount of $5,231,200 provides for 17 posts in the Professional category and above and 10 General Service posts, including the reclassification of one post from the P-3 to the P-4 level, in view of the additional responsibilities associated with the increased number of submissions from coastal States to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf and its subcommissions.

The added responsibilities include support for and follow-up to the meetings of the Commission and of the Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, as well as cooperation with intergovernmental bodies, non-governmental organizations and law of the sea communities.

Other staff costs

A.8.41 The amount of $6,600, reflecting an increase of $3,400, provides for overtime requirements related to servicing of Meetings of States Parties to the Convention, and the increased number of meetings related to the open-ended informal consultative process on oceans and the law of the sea.

Consultants and experts

A.8.42 The amount of $158,800, including an increase of $33,100 because of, inter alia, the increased number of submissions from coastal States to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf, provides for specialized consultancy services not available in the Secretariat for preparation of material on specific topics related to technical aspects of the regime for the continental shelf and scientific aspects of the protection of the marine environment, as well as for preparation of data, information and management requirements for the effective implementation of the Convention, including sustainable development of oceans and seas and their resources ($78,100); and for an ad hoc expert group meeting on assessment of the implementation of the Convention 20 years after its adoption ($80,700).

Travel of staff

A.8.43 The amount of $109,000, reflecting an increase of $12,000, relates to travel of staff to the meetings of organizations of the United Nations system and other organizations, and for consultations with regional, subregional and national agencies required in connection with the newly established consultative process on oceans and the law of the sea.

Contractual services

A.8.44 The amount of $140,200, reflecting an increase of $93,200, provides for the Division's portion of the overall enhancement of information technology ($50,000), the cost of the printing of recurrent and non-recurrent publications ($12,100) and the subscription to databases in the field of law of the sea and ocean affairs ($78,100).

General operating expenses

A.8.45 The amount of $44,400 provides for the maintenance of office automation equipment.

Supplies and materials

A.8.46 The amount of $26,400 provides for the cost of library books for the maintenance of the law of the sea reference collection. This collection is a central source of information for Member States, universities, legal practitioners and others.

Furniture and equipment

A.8.47 The amount of $92,200, reflecting an increase of $26,800, provides for the cost of acquiring office automation equipment for the Division's portion of the enhancement of information technology ($50,000) and the acquisition and replacement of automation equipment ($42,200).

Subprogramme 5
Progressive harmonization and unification of the law of international trade
International Trade Law Branch

Table A.8.20 **Requirements by object of expenditure and source of funds**

(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	*1998-1999 expenditure*	*2000-2001 appropriation*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*2002-2003 estimate*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	2 731.8	2 395.6	95.8	3.9	2 491.4	56.0	2 547.4
Other staff costs		1.4	-	-	1.4	(0.1)	1.3
Consultants and experts	121.2	110.7	(5.2)	(4.6)	105.5	0.1	105.6
Travel of staff	78.4	69.0	20.0	28.9	89.0	4.8	93.8
Contractual services	-	-	50.0	-	50.0	(0.5)	49.5
General operating expenses	11.0	42.2	10.9	25.8	53.1	(0.1)	53.0
Supplies and materials	-	95.4	-	-	95.4	(0.3)	95.1
Furniture and equipment	26.1	19.7	3.6	18.2	23.3	(0.1)	23.2
Total	**2 968.5**	**2 734.0**	**175.1**	**6.4**	**2 909.1**	**59.8**	**2 968.9**

(2) *Extrabudgetary*

1998-1999 expenditure	*2000-2001 estimate*	*Source of funds*	*2002-2003 estimate*
		(a) Services in support of:	
		(i) United Nations organizations: support to extrabudgetary administrative	
-	-	structures	-
		(ii) Extrabudgetary activities:	
-	-	peacekeeping operations	-
		(b) Substantive activities	
		Voluntary Fund to Grant Travel Assistance to Developing Countries Members of the	
4.5	5.0	Commission on International Trade Law	10.0
		Trust Fund for the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law	
179.6	220.0	Symposia	165.0
-	-	(c) Operational projects	-
184.1	**225.0**		**175.0**
3 152.6	**2 959.0**		**3 143.9**

Table A.8.21 **Post requirements**

Progressive harmonization and unification of the law of international trade

Category	Established regular budget posts		Temporary posts				Total	
			Regular budget		Extrabudgetary			
	2000-2001	2002-2003	2000-2001	2002-2003	2000-2001	2002-2003	2000-2001	2002-2003
Professional and above								
D-1	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
P-5	2	2	-	-	-	-	2	2
P-4/3	7	8	-	-	-	-	7	8
Subtotal	**10**	**11**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**10**	**11**
General Service								
Other level	7	7	-	-	-	-	7	7
Subtotal	**7**	**7**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**7**	**7**
Total	**17**	**18**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**17**	**18**

Resource requirements (before recosting)

Posts

A.8.48 The amount of $2,491,400 provides for 11 posts in the Professional category and above and seven General Service posts. An increase in the amount of $95,800 is attributable to one new post at the P-4 level that is required to strengthen the Branch for responding to the increasing number of requests from Member States, particularly developing States, for assistance in the use of UNCITRAL legal texts.

Other staff costs

A.8.49 The amount of $1,400 provides for overtime when servicing sessions of UNCITRAL and its working groups.

Consultants and experts

A.8.50 The amount of $105,500 provides for specialized consultancy services not available in the Secretariat to prepare studies relating to the three major topics dealt with by UNCITRAL namely: international contract practices, electronic commerce and settlement of commercial disputes ($37,000), and the convening of six ad hoc expert group meetings proposed on the following topics: international contract practices; electronic commerce; and arbitration ($68,500).

Travel of staff

A.8.51 The amount of $89,000, reflecting an increase of $20,000, provides for attendance at meetings to implement the role of UNCITRAL as the core legal body in the coordination of the work of other organizations in the field of international trade law; attendance at meetings for the promotion of the adoption of UNCITRAL texts; and for responding to requests by Member States for legislative assistance.

Contractual services

A.8.52 The amount of $50,000 provides for the Branch's portion of the overall enhancement of information technology in the Office of Legal Affairs.

General operating expenses

A.8.53 The amount of $53,100 reflecting an increase of $10,900 provides for the maintenance of office automation equipment.

Supplies and materials

A.8.54 The amount of $95,400 provides for the acquisition of library books, including legal publications and updates for the UNCITRAL Library. The principle function of the Library is to provide the UNCITRAL secretariat and Government representatives with legal books, journals and updates in the fields of comparative law and different national legal systems. In addition, library services are made available to visiting officials, staff of the Vienna-based organizations, academics and scholars who are referred to the library for information or consultation on available publications.

Furniture and equipment

A.8.55 The amount of $23,300 provides for the cost of replacing personal computers, one laserjet network printer and one scanner, as well as the cost of purchasing software.

Subprogramme 6
Custody, registration and publication of treaties

Table A.8.22 **Requirements by object of expenditure**

(Thousands of United States dollars)

Regular budget

Object of expenditure	*1998-1999 expenditure*	*2000-2001 appropriation*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*2002-2003 estimate*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	5 482.2	5 688.1	(337.2)	(5.9)	5 350.9	373.3	5 724.2
Other staff costs	59.8	67.2	(60.7)	(90.3)	6.5	0.4	6.9
Consultants and experts	183.0	42.3	73.8	(174.4)	116.1	6.4	122.5
Contractual services	1 375.7	2 341.9	(1 042.7)	(44.5)	1 299.2	71.1	1 370.3
General operating expenses	84.7	127.4	(12.3)	(9.6)	115.1	6.3	121.4
Supplies and materials	0.7	-	-	-	-	-	-
Furniture and equipment	86.8	62.5	98.8	158.0	161.3	8.9	170.2
Total	**7 272.9**	**8 329.4**	**(1 280.3)**	**(15.3)**	**7 049.1**	**466.4**	**7 515.5**

Table A.8.23 **Post requirements**

Custody, registration and publication of treaties

Category	Established regular budget posts		Temporary posts: Regular budget		Temporary posts: Extrabudgetary		Total	
	2000-2001	2002-2003	2000-2001	2002-2003	2000-2001	2002-2003	2000-2001	2002-2003
Professional and above								
P-5	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
P-4/3	9	9	-	-	-	-	9	9
P-2/1	4	4	-	-	-	-	4	4
Subtotal	**14**	**14**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**14**	**14**
General Service								
Principal level	11	11	-	-	-	-	11	11
Other level	11	8	-	-	-	-	11	8
Subtotal	**22**	**19**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**22**	**19**
Total	**36**	**33**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**36**	**33**

Resource requirements (before recosting)

Posts

A.8.56 The amount of $5,350,900 provides for the continuation of 14 posts in the Professional category and above and 19 General Service posts. There has been a decrease in requirements for support staff, owing to the successful implementation of new working methods in the Section, as a result of which three General Service posts will be redeployed to other divisions.

Other staff costs

A.8.57 The amount of $6,500, reflecting a reduction of $60,700 for temporary assistance previously required for work related to the backlog in the *United Nations Treaty Series*, provides for overtime.

Consultants and experts

A.8.58 The amount of $116,100, reflecting an increase of $73,800, provides for consultancy services in connection with the conversion of the United Nations Treaty Collection onto the database that will serve as the platform for the Internet.

Contractual services

A.8.59 The amount of $1,299,200, reflecting a decrease of $1,042,700 in external printing costs for the backlog, would bring the *United Nations Treaty Series* up to date during the biennium. It provides for the external printing costs ($1,091,800) of 300 volumes of the *United Nations Treaty Series*, 12 volumes of the *United Nations Treaty Series Cumulative Index*, external binding of 2 volumes of the *Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General* and for acquisition of software and hardware; rental of software necessary to run the program for the United Nations Treaty Collection on the Internet ($137,400); and for an amount of $70,000 for the Section's portion of the overall enhancement of information technology in the Office of Legal Affairs.

General operating expenses

A.8.60 The amount of $115,100, provides for (a) the Section's share of the maintenance and support of the LAN technical infrastructure (including central servers) necessary for the support of central management services, such as electronic mail and UNIX for IMIS ($52,300); and (b) maintenance of office automation equipment, including personal computers, two servers, one optical disk jukebox and one scanner that have been acquired ($62,800).

Furniture and equipment

A.8.61 The amount of $161,300, reflecting an increase of $98,800, provides for the acquisition and replacement of office automation equipment and software necessary to run the United Nations Treaty Information System/LAN workflow system ($131,300) and for the purchase of the Section's portion of the equipment specific to the overall enhancement of information technology in the Office of Legal Affairs ($30,000).

Programme support
Executive Office

Table A.8.24 **Requirements by object of expenditure and source of funds**

(Thousands of United States dollars)

Regular budget

Object of expenditure	*1998-1999 expenditure*	*2000-2001 appropriation*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*2002-2003 estimate*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	1 132.7	1 124.9	-	-	1 124.9	90.9	1 215.8
Other staff costs	199.2	96.2	22.6	23.4	118.8	6.5	125.3
General operating expenses	114.7	137.1	(9.0)	(6.5)	128.1	7.1	135.2
Supplies and materials	59.3	51.4	5.0	9.7	56.4	3.1	59.5
Furniture and equipment	14.1	13.7	-	-	13.7	0.8	14.5
Total	**1 520.0**	**1 423.3**	**18.6**	**1.3**	**1 441.9**	**108.4**	**1 550.3**

Table A.8.25 **Post requirements**

Executive Office

Category	*Established regular budget posts*		*Temporary posts*				*Total*	
			Regular budget		*Extrabudgetary*			
	2000-2001	*2002-2003*	*2000-2001*	*2002-2003*	*2000-2001*	*2002-2003*	*2000-2001*	*2002-2003*
Professional and above								
P-5	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
P-4/3	2	2	-	-	-	-	2	2
Subtotal	**3**	**3**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**3**	**3**
General Service								
Other level	4	4	-	-	-	-	4	4
Subtotal	**4**	**4**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**4**	**4**
Total	**7**	**7**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**7**	**7**

Resource requirements (before recosting)

Posts

A.8.62 The amount of $1,124,900 provides for the continuation of three Professional posts and four General Service posts.

Other staff costs

A.8.63 The amount of $118,800, reflecting an increase of $22,600 on the basis of expenditure patterns, provides for the temporary replacement of staff on extended sick leave or maternity leave and for additional staff during periods of peak workload ($112,800); and for overtime during periods of peak workload and unforeseen emergencies, as well as coverage of meetings ($6,000).

General operating expenses

A.8.64 The amount of $128,100 provides for electronic mail, long distance telephone and facsimile charges and other communications requirements of the Office of Legal Affairs ($118,500), as well as for maintenance of office automation equipment of the Executive Office ($9,600).

Supplies and materials

A.8.65 The amount of $56,400 would provide for expendable office supplies and materials, for the Office of Legal Affairs as a whole.

Furniture and equipment

A.8.66 The amount of $13,700 would provide for the purchase of new electronic data-processing equipment and the replacement of office automation equipment for the Executive Office.